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## "They Soar on Mended Wings"

DFO Feature Meeting, Wednesday February 6, 2002

Sigrid Ueblacker has been a licensed rehabilitator since 1981, and specializes in raptors which she receives for pre-release training from several states. She has admitted over 5,000 birds since then. In 1991, Sigrid co-founded Colorado's state rehabilitation organization, the Colorado Council for Wildlife Rehabilitation.



the Intensive Care Unit, which includes five rooms with numerous cages, holding a maximum of 35 birds. Among her many credits Sigrid received the coveted "Habitat Conservation Award" for outstanding achievement in the Foundation's conservation efforts.

Sigrid's home is only a few wing beats away from

For more information, visit the Foundation's Web Site at <http://www.birds-of->

## DFO Field Trips for February 2002

### February 2, Saturday

Chatfield State Park Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet at 0730 inside the west entrance (1.5 miles south of C-470 on Wadsworth Blvd.) Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass is required.

### February 3, Sunday

Southwestern Lakes Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0830 at the Park and Ride located at the southwest corner of Hampden (Hwy 285) and Wadsworth. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Open water means lots of ducks and hawks.

### February 9, Saturday

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## DFO Field Trips for February 2002, continued

Longmont Area Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace.

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From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then two miles north to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, or 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Dress for the weather. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch and water.

### February 10, Sunday

Tenth Annual Valentine's Day Trip Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0800 at the South Platte River parking lot on the southeast corner of E. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch and expect to walk 3-4 miles. Trip will include South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Brighton Blvd. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

### February 16, Saturday

Feeder Frolic Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682. Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at north-east corner of South Federal Blvd. and Bellevue Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Bring lunch.

### February 17, Sunday

Roxborough State Park Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center. Hope to see the resident golden eagles and other raptors. Easy hike on good trail. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

### February 23, Saturday

Cherry Creek Recreation Area Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265. Meet leader at 0730 just inside west gate to park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional; if the weather is good, trip will probably be a three-quarter day trip.



### ABA Recommendation for Two-Way Radios Adopted

At the November 2001, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to adopt the ABA recommended two-way radio standard, effective January 1, 2002. The standard is Channel 11, Code 22. We encourage all members to use this standard when using two-way radios on field trips.

## Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

### Field Trip/Count Reports

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### Additional Reports

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### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

**Feb, May, Aug, Nov** includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

**Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec** includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

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*Our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational*

### Welcome New Members!

Susan Barnhart, 9637 E. Sand Lily Lane, Parker, CO 80134, 720-842-1499;  
John L. Lufkin, 995 Moss St, Golden, CO 80401, 303-216-1076.



## Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

### **Galapagos Trip, March 16-25, 2002**

*There is one space remaining on this trip for a male. If interested call Norm Erthal 303.424.6747.*

### **Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, March 25 to April 8, 2002**

*The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811 (e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com), or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.*

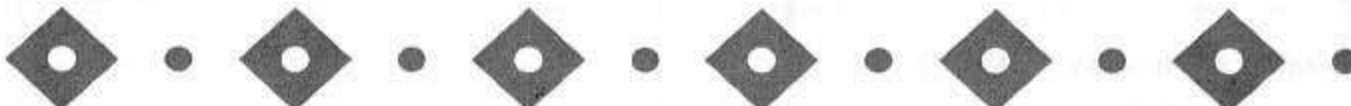
### **DFO Big Bend Trip, April 20-27, includes side trip to the Davis Mountains**

Big Bend National Park hosts a basketful of special birds rarely seen anywhere else in North America. The remoteness of the Chisos Mountains, which surrounds the park is just a stone's throw across the Rio Grande River to Mexico.



*The most notable avian treasure in the Chisos Mountains is the infamous Colima Warbler. A chance for intimate looks at this warbler requires a full day, hot mountain hike. All expenses shared, limited to 8 birders. There will be a drawing approximately two weeks after the leaders have received their Lark Bunting.*

*Contact Dave Rhoades (303.424.8633) or Bob Righter (303.692.8529) for more information or to add ones name to the drawing hat.*



## Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help conduct bird surveys for Majestic View Park, a new city park located at 70<sup>th</sup> and Garrison, Arvada. This long-term survey will identify birds of several habitats including wetlands, ponds, parks and fields. Please call Dave Rhoades 303.424.8633 if you are interested and can help with this project.

## **Urgent — Rare Bird Alert Coordinator Needed**

To our dismay, Norm Erthal will be giving up his duties associated with the Rare Bird Alert no later than March 1, 2002.

**DFO Field Trip Summaries for December 2001**

**December 1, Saturday (RRP)**

***Red Rocks and Morrison Parks***

**Leader(s):** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Barbara and Les Brown, Beverlee Guild, Sonja Hahn, Peggy Hankins, Daniella Heck-Garrett, Bob Hutchinson, Bob Rohwedder. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 4.8 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub and grasslands, riparian; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 27-50 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 261 Individuals.

**December 2, Sunday (WRG)**

***Wheat Ridge Greenbelt***

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Susan Barnhart, Jill Boice, Ivan Getting, Derek Hankins, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson, Alberta Nelson, Bob Rohwedder, Roni Wilson, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, streamside, wooded areas. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 27-50 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 1533 Individuals.

## **Tuesday Birders**

**December 4, Tuesday (SPP)**

***South Platte Park***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Arlene Larson. **Observers:** 43. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds; riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail; elev. 5600'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind NE, 0-5 mph; temp. 45-50 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 755 Individuals.

**All 2002 memberships  
unpaid by January 31, 2002  
will be terminated.  
Membership form on page 9**

# DFO Field Trip Summary Table for December 2001

| SPECIES                 | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| DATE                    | 1               | 2   | 4               | 11  | TOTAL |
| LOCATION                | RRP             | WRG | SPP             | LOB |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe       |                 | 5   | 2               |     | 7     |
| Canada Goose            |                 | 425 | 400             |     | 825   |
| Gadwall                 |                 | 18  | 25              |     | 43    |
| American Wigeon         |                 | 10  | 11              |     | 21    |
| Mallard                 |                 | 112 | 70              |     | 182   |
| Northern Shoveler       |                 | 55  | 2               |     | 57    |
| Northern Pintail        |                 |     | 5               |     | 5     |
| Green-winged Teal       |                 | 3   | 8               |     | 11    |
| Canvasback              |                 | 1   |                 |     | 1     |
| Redhead                 |                 | 7   |                 |     | 7     |
| Ring-necked Duck        |                 | 10  | 4               |     | 14    |
| Lesser Scaup            |                 | 9   |                 |     | 9     |
| Bufflehead              |                 | 3   | 15              |     | 18    |
| Common Goldeneye        |                 | 17  | 15              |     | 32    |
| Hooded Merganser        |                 |     | 5               |     | 5     |
| Common Merganser        |                 | 2   | 16              |     | 18    |
| Red-breasted Merganser  |                 | 1   |                 |     | 1     |
| Ruddy Duck              |                 | 4   |                 |     | 4     |
| Bald Eagle              |                 |     | 1               |     | 1     |
| Cooper's Hawk           |                 |     | 1               |     | 1     |
| Red-tailed Hawk         | 1               | 2   | 2               |     | 5     |
| Golden Eagle            | 2               |     |                 |     | 2     |
| American Kestrel        | 3               | 1   | 1               |     | 5     |
| American Coot           |                 | 72  |                 |     | 72    |
| Killdeer                |                 |     | 10              |     | 10    |
| Ring-billed Gull        |                 | 230 | 3               |     | 233   |
| California Gull         |                 | 2   |                 |     | 2     |
| Rock Dove               | 7               | 17  |                 |     | 24    |
| Belted Kingfisher       | 1               | 2   | 3               | 1   | 7     |
| Downy Woodpecker        | 2               | 3   | 3               |     | 8     |
| "eastern" race          | (2)             |     |                 |     | (2)   |
| Northern Flicker        | 3               | 6   | 9               |     | 18    |
| "Red-shafted" race      | (3)             |     | (9)             |     | (12)  |
| Steller's Jay           |                 |     |                 | 1   | 1     |
| Western Scrub-Jay       | 27              |     |                 |     | 27    |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 12              | 12  | 13              | 2   | 39    |
| American Crow           | 1               | 21  | 16              |     | 38    |
| Common Raven            | 3               |     |                 |     | 3     |
| Black-capped Chickadee  | 9               | 15  | 13              | 18  | 55    |
| Mountain Chickadee      |                 |     |                 | 1   | 1     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |                 | 4   |                 |     | 4     |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

# DFO Field Trip Summary Table for December 2001, continued

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| LOCATION                 | RRP             | WRG         | SPP             | LOB        |             |
| Brown Creeper            |                 |             |                 | 2          | 2           |
| American Dipper          | 1               | 1           | 1               | 12         | 15          |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet     |                 |             |                 | 2          | 2           |
| Townsend's Solitaire     | 13              |             |                 | 5          | 18          |
| American Robin           | 2               | 1           | 7               |            | 10          |
| European Starling        | 6               | 350         | 50              |            | 406         |
| American Tree Sparrow    | 2               |             | 1               | 10         | 13          |
| Song Sparrow             | 5               | 2           | 2               | 4          | 13          |
| White-crowned Sparrow    |                 |             | 2               |            | 2           |
| Dark-eyed Junco          | 108             | 33          |                 | 43         | 184         |
| "Slate-colored" race     | (11)            | (17)        |                 |            | (28)        |
| "Oregon" race            | (24)            | (10)        |                 |            | (34)        |
| "Pink-sided" race        | (21)            | (6)         |                 |            | (27)        |
| "Gray-headed" race       | (12)            |             |                 |            | (12)        |
| Red-winged Blackbird     | 8               | 11          | 14              |            | 33          |
| House Finch              | 24              | 41          | 6               |            | 71          |
| American Goldfinch       |                 | 19          | 8               | 3          | 30          |
| House Sparrow            | 21              | 6           | 11              |            | 38          |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b> | <b>261</b>      | <b>1533</b> | <b>755</b>      | <b>104</b> | <b>2653</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>     | <b>22</b>       | <b>38</b>   | <b>35</b>       | <b>13</b>  | <b>53</b>   |

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## Additional Reports

| Species                     | Dates        | Number seen | Location          | County    | Observers           |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Greater White-fronted Goose | 12/22        | 3j          | Utah Park, Aurora | Arapahoe  | Dan Bridges         |
| Bean Goose                  | 12/16        | 1           | Utah Park, Aurora | Arapahoe  | Dan Bridges         |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker    | 12/15        | 1m          | Red Rocks Park    | Jefferson | Bob & Lea Ann Brown |
| Winter Wren                 | 12/1 & 12/26 | 1           | Waterton Canyon   | Jefferson | Dan Bridges         |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type

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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

*All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year*

**\$20.00** ☐ Regular Family Membership

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## "Wildlife of South Africa"

Presented by John Flavin

Wednesday March 6

John Flavin started birding in 1940 and was secretary, vice president and president of the Colorado Bird Club circa 1957. The Colorado Bird Club was the predecessor of our current Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO).

John participated on Ken Caryl Christmas bird counts when Ken Caryl was still open space. He moved from Denver in 1959. John's extensive birding experience includes



*One of the most distinctive attractions of the African savannas is the secretary bird striding majestically across the veld. The popular name of secretary bird is derived from the resemblance between the long tail feathers of its crest when raised to the quill pens worn behind a secretary's ear in the last century.*

being a licensed bander and falconer.

A three-year weather modification project took John to South Africa. During those three years he visited numerous parks on birding outings. He always took his camera.

The March DFO feature presentation will showcase John Flavin's photographic collection of birds, animals and scenery.

## DFO Field Trips for March 2002

### March 2, Saturday

#### Pueblo Area (PUE)

**Leader:** David Silverman 1-719-489-3565 Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at South Marina of Pueblo Reservoir. Take Hwy 50 west 2.5 miles to Pueblo Blvd (Hwy 45), south 4.5 miles to Hwy 96 (Thatcher Ave), west to Pueblo State Park. Call Dianna Johnston for carpool information 303-682-5662. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip. State Parks pass required.

### March 3, Sunday

#### Boulder County (BOU)

**Leaders:** Wayne and Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662 Meet leaders at 0900 at Niwot Park-N-Ride. This will be a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. From I25, take exit #235 (Co Hwy 52, Dacono Ft. Lupton). Go left at exit Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on 287, go .7 miles then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd to Niwot Park-N-Ride. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

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**DFO Field Trips for March 2002, continued****March 9, Saturday****Cherry Creek Reservoir & State Park (CCR)****Leader:** Mary Burger 303-771-3431

Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park. East from Yosemite St on Union Ave, past Cherry Creek High School. Bring lunch, 3/4-day trip if good weather. State Parks Pass required.

**March 10, Sunday****N.W. Denver Lakes (NWD)****Leader:** Patty Echelmeyer 303-233-4947

Meet leader at 0830 at northwest parking lot of Sloans Lake, W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave and Sheridan. Call leader for directions. Will bird Prospect Lake, Coor's Pond, and Sloans Lake. 1/2 day trip, lunch optional.

**March 16, Saturday****Canon City (CAN)****Leader:** David Pantle 1-719-275-8208

Meet leader at 0900 at his home, 1826 Flora Court in Canon City. Will start at Tunnel Dr to look for Rufous Crowned Sparrow, then to Ecology Park to look for Pinon and Juniper birds, a two-mile walk. Then drive south of home to look for Roadrunner. After lunch will bird the river walk area. This is a two-hour drive from Denver in good weather. For carpool information call Bob Spencer 303-279-4682. Will carpool from Southmoor Park-N-Ride. From I25 take Hampden Ave east to Monoco, south 0.3 m. to Magnolia Way. Park-N-Ride on right, meet in north east corner of lot. Meet at 0630 to carpool.

**March 17, Sunday****NE Colorado (NEC)**

**Leader:** Jackie King 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0800 at Museum of Nature and Science at east end of north parking lot. Will look for early migrants and raptors. Full day trip, bring lunch.

**March 23, Saturday****Wheatridge Greenbelt (WHE)**

**Leader:** Doris Cruze 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Lake parking lot located on West 44th near Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

**March 24, Sunday****Chatfield Reservoir and State Park (CHA)**

**Leader:** Dick Schottler 303-278-8035. Meet leader at 0700 at swim beach inside west entrance of park off Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C470. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch. State Parks pass required.

**March 30, Saturday****Barr Lake (BAR)**

**Leader:** Lynn Willcockson 303-757-7000 Meet leader at 0800 at Nature Center at Barr Lake. Could walk 3 to 4 miles depending on weather. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

**March 31, Sunday Easter - no trip****Scheduled by Dianne Johnston 303-682-5662**

## Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

### Field Trip/Count Reports

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### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

**Feb, May, Aug, Nov** includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

**Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec** includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianne Johnston, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

### ! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at [www.geocities.com/dfobirders](http://www.geocities.com/dfobirders).

## Contributions and New Members

### Rare Bird Alert

Dell Bridwell, Fred Brink, Francis Campbell, Darlene Cate, Gary Conover, Ted & Shelly Cooper, Tim Davis, Jim & Jean Fredlund, Mona Hill, Thomas Johnson, Tony Leukering, Robert Montgomery, Peter Mulholland, Callaine Ohmert, Peggy Roberts, Joe Roller, Anne Southcott, Ann Sprague, Larry & Roni Wilson

### Educational Endowment Fund

Francis Campbell, Gary Conover, Thomas Johnson, John Miller, Peggy Roberts, Nancy Smith

*Our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to the Rare Bird Alert and Educational Endowment Fund. Your generosity keeps these valuable programs alive and well!*

### Welcome New Members!

Robert Bethel, 19 So. Downing St. #196, Denver, CO 80209, 720-570-0640; Elaine & Mel Emeigh, 7562 So. Vine St., Centennial, CO 80122-3147, 303-798-6027; Jim Hansmann, 1060 So. Parker Rd. #38, Denver, CO 80231, 303-329-8261; William R. Threlfall, 1168 Marion St. #1, Denver, CO 80218-3050, 303-832-7433; Robin Wilson, 4460 W. 111th Ave., Westminster, CO 80031, 303-469-8228



## Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

### Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, March 25 to April 8, 2002

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811 (e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com), or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

### DFO Big Bend Trip, April 20- 27, includes side trip to the Davis Mountains



Big Bend National Park hosts a basketful of special birds rarely seen anywhere else in North America. The remoteness of the Chisos Mountains, which surrounds the park is just a stone's throw across the Rio Grande River to Mexico. The most notable avian treasure in the Chisos Mountains is the infamous Colima Warbler. A chance for intimate looks at this warbler requires a full day, hot mountain hike. All expenses shared, limited to 8 birders. There will be a drawing approximately two weeks after the leaders have received their Lark Bunting. Contact Dave Rhoades (303.424.8633) or Bob Righter (303.692.8529) for more information or to add ones name to the drawing hat.

### ! ADVANCE NOTICE FOR UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS AND A CHANCE TO ADD A NEW AOU BIRD TO YOUR LIST—YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THESE TRIPS

**April 6, Saturday, Wray area, Greater Prairie-Chickens:** Leader: Karleen Schofield (303.936.8661) Must register with leader between March 10 and March 18. Leader may be out-of-town after that time. For DFO members; guest accepted if space available. Meet leader at 0630 to carpool in Denver at Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway: Exit I-25 at 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., go west one long block to Broadway, north two blocks to DOW on right. Will look for spring migrants along the way before visiting private lek in afternoon. Access to lek limited to four vehicles. Full day trip; home 9-10 p.m. 1-2 miles walking. Bring lunch, supper and water as well as 2-way radio, if you have one. May need State Park Pass, depending on final itinerary/weather.

**April 12 and 13, Friday and Saturday. Gunnison Sage Grouse:** Leader: Andrew Spencer (303.770.6299) The trip will be limited to 4 cars on lek. Names will be drawn for participants. Call the leader to register by April 5.

## Volunteers Wanted!

The DFO provides the Rare Bird Alert (RBA) as a service to Colorado and out-of-state birders. As you know, we are looking for new coordinators to staff the RBA. At the last DFO Board meeting, we decided to staff the RBA with four individuals so that the burden of the responsibility would be minimized. To date, we have two volunteers that will gladly assume three-month RBA duties.

To fully support the RBA for the long term, we need two more volunteers. Without adequate support for the RBA, the DFO will not be able to continue this service. At the next Board meeting, we will be voting on its continuance. If you are interested in volunteering to staff the RBA, please contact Carolyn Cooley at (303) 798-9010.

## Highlights of the 2001 Christmas Count, by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 48th consecutive Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC), sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists with the National Audubon Society, took place on December 15, 2001 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. Count day saw relatively seasonal temperatures and partly-to-mostly cloudy skies. A relatively warm spell of fall weather preceding the Count resulted in most water on the plains being open or only partly frozen. As a result, a Count record 24 species of waterfowl were observed, many of which were found in record or near record numbers. A total of 37,569 individual birds of 107 species were tallied by 65 field observers and 41 feeder watchers (compared with 36,603 individuals of 93 species in 2000).

One new species, Franklin's Gull, was added to the cumulative Denver CBC list. Two well-described birds were observed in Bear Creek Lake Park by Kathy Hawkins and Sylvia Sather. The total species seen since 1954 now stands at 189. Seven species recorded on fewer than 10 percent of the 47 previous Denver CBC's were observed: two Pacific Loons spotted by Tina Jones' group on Marston Reservoir had been recorded on three previous counts; Tina's group also re-found a female Black Scoter on Marston Reservoir for the second Count record; a lingering Sora heard calling by Randy Lentz also provided a second Count record. Joey Kellner's group came up with two seldom-recorded species at Chatfield Reservoir - Mountain Bluebirds (recorded on 4 previous counts) and Common Yellowthroat (recorded on two earlier counts). Feeder



watchers observed a Gray Jay and a Pinyon Jay, both recorded on only three previous Counts. Other uncommon birds seen this year included Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Black-crowned Night Heron, Greater White-fronted Goose, Greater Scaup, Barrow's Goldeneye, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Lesser Goldfinch, all seen on less than 25 percent of the 47 previous counts.

Record-high individual numbers were established for ten species this year, seven of which were waterfowl: Northern Shoveler (396, previous high 271 in 2000), Redhead (241; previous high 199 in 1957), Bufflehead (205; previous high 177 in 1999), Common Goldeneye (402, topping the 304 seen in 2000), Barrow's Goldeneye (3; previous high 2 in 1996 & 1997), Red-breasted Merganser (an amazing 192, far outnumbering the previous high of 28 seen in 1995), Ruddy Duck (42; previous high 20 in 1962), Red-tailed Hawk (99; previous high 94 in 1999), Killdeer (67; previous high 61 in 1981), and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (12 topping the 11 seen in 1981). Three species tied their record highs: Black Scoter (1, 1995), Cooper's Hawk (5, 1985), and Mountain Bluebird (2, 1975). House Finch numbers (1,254) continued to rise again this year following the two-year population crash in 1997-8 but were still below numbers seen before 1997.

The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were:

|                                                                            |                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Canada Goose (14,810 or 39 percent of the birds recorded on the count!) | 2. Starling (2,674)             |
| 3. Mallard (2,212)                                                         | 4. Common Merganser (1,747)     |
| 5. Crow (1,662)                                                            | 6. Dark-eyed Junco (1,566)      |
| 7. House Finch (1,254)                                                     | 8. Red-winged Blackbird (1,215) |
| 9. House Sparrow (824)                                                     | 10. Ring-billed Gull (709)      |

Two additional species, Ross's Goose and a late Say's Phoebe, were observed in the Count circle during Count Week (3 days before the Count and 3 days following the Count), but not seen on the 15th. As compiler of the 48th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts make this Count a success year after year, and to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the results.

Last but not least, a big thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited

store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome warm beverages and refreshments after a breezy day in the field. This was the seventh year they have done this for us and, as always, it was an enjoyable event. Finally, I would like to dedicate the 2001 Denver Christmas Bird Count to the memory of Jack Reddall. Jack was compiler of the Denver Count for several years in the 1980's in addition to the many other offices he held in DFO over the years.



## The Christmas Count

**Day, Date, and Time:** Saturday, December 15, 2001 6:10 am to 5:00 pm.

**Compiler:** Dick Schottler

**Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer & Tina Jones

**Weather:** Partly to mostly cloudy

**Temperature:** 24 to 50 deg. F

**Wind:** N - NW, 0 to 25 mph

**Snow Cover:** 0 to 8"

**Still Water:** Partly open

**Moving Water:** Partly open

**Observers:** 106 (65 in 29 parties, 41 watchers at 36 feeders)

**Total Party Hours:** 203 (122.5 on foot, 80.5 by car)

**Total Party Miles:** 719 (99 on foot, 620 by car)

**Hours Spent Watching Feeders:** 107.5

**Count Totals:** 107 species; 37,569 individuals

**Participants by Area** (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1** Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown
- Area 2** Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Barbara Brown, Les Brown, **Tamie Bulow**, Patty Echelmeyer, Pearl Jordan, Diana Mullineaux
- Area 2A** Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Sylvia Sather
- Area 3** Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): **Tina Jones**, Steve Kennedy, Paul Priest, Verla Priest, Carol Shouldice, David Shouldice, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz
- Area 4A** Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Ruth Breckon, **Ed Holub**
- Area 4B** Lower South Platte-west (LSP): **Warren Finch**, Dick Pratt
- Area 5** Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6** Plum Creek (PCK): **Ric Olson**, Glenn Walbek
- Area 7A** Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**
- Area 7B** Middle South Platte (MSP): Janet Johnston, **Hugh Kingery**, Urling Kingery, Karen Metz, Deb Ostergard
- Area 8** Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): J. B. Hayes, **Joey Kellner**, Andrew Spencer
- Area 9** Upper South Platte (USP): George Armbrust, Jill Boice, **Carolyn Cooley**, Laura Lunsford
- Area 10** Lower Deer Creek (LDC): **Lynn Willcockson**
- Area 11** Upper Deer Creek (UDC): **Roger Linfield**, Mike Reyes
- Area 12** Yegge Peak (YPK): Joan Bevington, **Ann Bonnell**, Darlene Cate, Else Van Erp
- Area 13** Doublehead Mountain (DHM): Brenda Sabo, **Frances Sperl**
- Area 14** North Turkey Creek (NTC): **Dick Schottler**
- Area 15** Indian Hills (IHL): Margie Bailey, **Sherman Wing**
- Area 16** Upper Bear Creek (UBC): Sarah Barnum, Steve Butler, Maria Finely, **Christiana Manville**, Rich McEldowney
- Area 17** Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Marilyn Brenengen, **Toni Rautus**
- Area 18** Garrison Gate (GGT): **Chuck Aid**
- Area 19** Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**
- Area 20** Willow Creek (WCK): **Doris Cruze**, Lynn Forrester, Bob Rohwedder
- Area 21** Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): **Karleen Schofield**

**Feeder Watchers:** Nancy Atkinson, Jane Axtell, Lowell Baumunk, John Bonnell, Nan Brehmer, Jan & Bill Carter, Carol Chapman, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Marjory Friedman, Dee & Jeff Gielissen, Betty & Stan Harwood, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Bill Karsell, Norm Kautsky, Mike Kinsey, Julene & Kurt Lani, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Raymond McKinney, Doris McLaughlin, Jake Mola, Lowrey Mumford, Doreen Near, John Presler, Leon Rollin, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Bryn Shepeck, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Beth Tubach, Candy Vallado, Donald Wargo.

# Christmas Count 2001

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION      | COUNT AREAS |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         | TOTAL |           |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|------|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|---------|-------|-----------|
|                                  | FFF         | UBC | BOP | BMM  | LSP  | LSP      | HLD | POH | MSF | MSF | CHA  | USP | UDC | UDC | YPK | DHM | NTC | IHL | UBC | KOF | GGT | MME | WCK  | MLW | FEEDERS |       |           |
|                                  | 1           | 2   | 2A  | 3    | 4A   | 4B       | 5   | 6   | 7A  | 7B  | 8    | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20   | 21  | Fins    |       | Fhs       |
| Pacific Loon                     |             |     |     | 2    |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 2         |
| Red-billed Grebe                 |             |     |     | 14   | 1    | 7        |     |     |     |     | 7    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 29        |
| Horned Grebe                     |             |     |     | 3    |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 3         |
| Eared Grebe                      |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 4         |
| Western Grebe                    |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     | 9    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 9         |
| Great Blue Heron                 |             | 2   | 1   | 3    | 2    | 14       |     |     | 2   | 6   | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 34        |
| Blk-crowned Night-Heron          |             |     |     |      |      | 1        |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| Greater Whitefrt Goose           |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |         |       | 1         |
| Snow Goose                       |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4    |     |         |       | 4         |
| Canada Goose                     |             | 663 | 372 | 2630 | 3400 | 1550     | 294 | 163 | 48  | 204 | 1220 | 20  | 81  |     |     |     |     |     | 162 |     |     | 25  | 2190 |     | 1548    | 250   | 14810     |
| Wood Duck                        |             |     |     |      | 4    | 2        |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     | 35      |       | 42        |
| Gadwall                          |             | 2   |     | 42   | 25   | 105      |     |     |     | 3   | 7    | 50  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 27   |     |         |       | 261       |
| American Wigeon                  |             | 27  | 4   | 26   |      | 20       |     |     |     |     | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7    |     | 2       |       | 90        |
| Mallard                          |             | 441 | 220 | 65   | 360  | 450      |     | 7   | 15  | 28  | 257  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 11  | 285  |     | 73      |       | 2212      |
| Northern Shoveler                |             | 127 |     | 70   | 150  | 20       |     |     |     |     | 3    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 24   |     | 2       |       | 336       |
| Northern Pintail                 |             |     |     | 3    |      | 30       |     |     |     |     | 13   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     | 5       |       | 51        |
| Green-winged Teal                |             |     |     | 12   |      | 12       |     |     |     |     | 49   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |     | 1       |       | 76        |
| Canvasback                       |             |     |     | 48   |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 48        |
| Redhead                          |             |     |     | 234  |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7    |     |         |       | 241       |
| Ring-necked Duck                 |             |     |     | 3    | 40   | 45       |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 35   |     | 28      |       | 152       |
| Greater Scaup                    |             |     |     | 1    |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| Lesser Scaup                     |             |     |     | 7    | 8    | 15       |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 16   |     |         |       | 47        |
| Black Scoter                     |             |     |     | 1    |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| Long-tailed Duck                 |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| Bufflehead                       |             |     |     | 52   | 12   | 65       |     |     | 1   | 4   | 65   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 4    |     | 1       |       | 205       |
| Common Goldeneye                 |             | 5   | 22  | 43   | 45   | 55       |     |     | 4   | 13  | 183  | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 29   |     |         |       | 402       |
| Barrow's Goldeneye               |             |     |     | 2    |      |          |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 3         |
| Hooded Merganser                 |             | 4   |     | 27   |      | 30       |     |     |     | 2   | 8    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 19   |     |         |       | 90        |
| Common Merganser                 |             | 3   | 35  | 663  |      | 40       |     | 19  | 24  | 8   | 1010 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5    |     |         |       | 1807      |
| Red-breasted Merganser           |             |     |     | 190  |      |          |     |     |     |     | 2    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 192       |
| Ruddy Duck                       |             |     |     | 36   | 1    |          |     |     |     |     | 2    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |     |         |       | 42        |
| Bald Eagle                       |             | 1   | 2   | 1    | 1    | 1        | 3   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 4    | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 3    |     |         |       | 24        |
| Northern Harrier                 |             | 1   |     |      |      | 1        |     |     | 1   | 3   | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |         |       | 8         |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk               |             | 1   |     |      |      | 1        |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 2    | 1   |         |       | 6         |
| Copier's Hawk                    |             | 4   |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |      |     |         |       | 5         |
| Northern Goshawk                 |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         | 1     | 1         |
| accipiter sp.                    |             | 1   |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>"Harris" race | 3           | 10  | 7   | 2    | 2    | 4<br>(1) | 8   | 4   | 6   | 5   | 7    | 2   | 4   |     | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   |     |     | 8   | 17   | 1   |         | 2     | 99<br>(1) |
| Ferruginous Hawk                 |             | 1   |     |      |      |          | 5   |     | 1   |     |      |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 8         |
| Rough-legged Hawk                |             |     | 2   |      | 1    |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |     |         |       | 5         |
| Buteo sp.                        |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     | 2       |       | 3         |
| Golden Eagle                     | 1           |     |     |      |      |          | 3   |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    | 2   |         |       | 7         |
| eagle sp.                        |             |     |     |      |      |          |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      |     |         |       | 1         |
| American Kestrel                 | 2           | 5   | 5   | 4    | 3    | 1        | 1   | 1   | 2   |     | 2    | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 4   | 6    | 1   | 1       | 2     | 44        |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

# Christmas Count 2001, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | COUNT AREAS |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | RRP         | LBC | BCP | BMM | LSP | LSP | HLD | PCK | MSP | MSP | CHA | USP | LDC | UDC | YPK | DHM | NTC | IHL | UBC | KCF | GGT | MWE | WCK | MLW |       |
|                             | 1           | 2   | 2A  | 3   | 4A  | 4B  | 5   | 6   | 7A  | 7B  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |       |
| Marlin                      |             |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon              |             |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Falcon sp.                  |             | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Wild Turkey                 |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 68  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 68    |
| Virginia Rail               |             |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 11  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 15    |
| Sora                        |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| American Coot               |             | 1   |     | 502 | 1   | 120 |     |     |     |     | 56  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 14  |     | 694   |
| Killdeer                    |             |     |     | 6   | 3   | 35  |     | 5   | 1   |     | 10  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 6   |     | 67    |
| Common Shipe                | 2           |     |     | 2   |     | 7   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 13    |
| Franklin's Gull             |             |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Pink-billed Gull            |             | 101 | 20  | 95  | 40  | 60  |     | 2   | 4   | 1   | 300 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5   | 77  | 3   | 709   |
| California Gull             |             |     |     | 22  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 26    |
| Herring Gull                |             |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Gull sp.                    |             |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 200 | 201   |
| Rock Dove                   | 16          | 64  | 52  | 66  | 125 | 7   | 55  | 2   | 5   | 11  | 16  | 10  | 12  |     | 1   |     |     | 25  | 1   | 6   |     | 15  | 97  | 3   | 697   |
| Mourning Dove               |             |     |     | 27  |     | 9   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 36    |
| Great Horned Owl            | 1           |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     | 1   | 2   | 2   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   | 13    |
| Belted Kingfisher           |             | 4   | 3   | 1   | 4   | 14  |     |     | 4   | 6   | 3   | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 44    |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker    | 1           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |             | 2   | 2   |     |     | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1   |     | 1   | 5   | 1   | 77    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 3   |     | 3   | 1   | 4   |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 10    |
| N. Flicker ("red-shafted")  | 5           | 48  | 11  | 15  | 10  | 10  | 5   | 17  | 12  | 13  | 17  | 5   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 3   |     | 1   | 4   | 5   | 2   | 6   | 24  | 3   | 288   |
| Northern Shrike             |             |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |     | 1   |     |     | 1   |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Gray Jay                    |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Stellar's Jay               |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   | 26  | 21  | 9   | 15  | 1   |     |     | 3   | 1   | 4   | 72    |
| Blue Jay                    |             | 6   |     |     |     | 8   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 15  | 25  | 57    |
| Western Scrub Jay           | 25          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5   | 11  | 2   | 3   |     |     | 1   | 18  | 27  | 1   | 19  | 2   | 15  | 180   |
| Pinon Jay                   |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 18          | 71  | 40  | 61  | 35  | 25  | 13  |     | 15  | 31  | 80  | 10  | 8   |     | 21  | 4   | 11  | 9   | 11  | 10  | 2   | 23  | 46  | 13  | 637   |
| American Crow               | 3           | 20  | 130 | 60  | 7   | 20  | 27  | 51  | 51  | 62  | 40  | 3   | 304 |     | 62  | 45  | 36  | 32  | 73  |     | 27  | 65  | 197 | 14  | 1662  |
| Common Raven                | 2           |     |     | 1   |     | 2   | 4   | 6   |     | 3   | 3   | 2   | 3   |     | 2   | 4   | 4   | 2   | 1   | 5   |     | 1   | 75  | 2   | 125   |
| Horned Lark                 |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 22          | 44  | 8   | 1   | 60  | 15  | 15  | 22  | 20  | 50  | 43  | 35  | 18  | 6   | 25  | 3   | 3   | 3   | 38  | 6   |     | 8   | 20  | 7   | 605   |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 1           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 25  | 79  | 81  | 39  | 27  | 9   |     | 25  | 8   |     | 11  | 363   |
| Bush-tit                    |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   | 4     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |             | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   | 4   | 2   |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1   | 30    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |             | 1   |     |     | 5   |     |     |     | 2   | 2   |     | 2   | 2   | 2   | 6   | 12  | 4   | 5   | 2   |     | 4   |     |     | 1   | 84    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6   | 42  | 2   | 28  | 64  |     |     | 8   |     |     | 18  | 234   |
| Brown Creeper               |             | 1   |     | 2   | 2   |     |     |     | 2   |     | 1   |     | 1   | 1   | 5   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 2   |     | 3   |     |     | 4   | 35    |
| Canyon Wren                 | 3           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Winter Wren                 |             |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Marsh Wren                  |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| American Dipper             |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6   |     |     |     |     |     | 15    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |             | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 4   | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 12    |
| Mountain Bluebird           |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2     |

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In addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

# Christmas Count 2001, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | COUNT AREAS |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         |        |  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|--------|--|-------|
|                             | FFP         | LEC  | BCP  | EMW  | LSP  | LSP  | HLD  | POK | MBF  | MBF  | CHW  | LEP   | LOC  | LOC  | YRK  | CHM  | NIC  | IHL  | LEC  | KOF | GGT  | MWE  | WOK  | MLW  | FEEDERS | FEEDERS |        |  |       |
|                             | 1           | 2    | 2A   | 3    | 4A   | 4B   | 5    | 6   | 7A   | 7B   | 8    | 9     | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21   | Flrs    | Flrs    |        |  |       |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 22          | 3    |      |      |      |      | 1    | 1   | 2    | 12   | 2    | 13    | 7    | 1    | 14   | 1    | 6    | 10   | 25   | 12  | 3    | 1    |      | 20   | 1       | 1       | 158    |  |       |
| American Robin              | 25          | 104  | 1    | 21   | 2    | 8    |      |     | 1    | 9    | 2    | 1     | 6    |      | 2    |      |      | 1    | 4    | 3   | 2    | 1    | 8    | 8    | 26      | 14      | 252    |  |       |
| European Starling           | 9           | 169  | 70   | 388  | 50   | 150  | 53   | 2   | 71   | 26   | 200  | 3     | 8    |      | 9    | 23   | 6    | 2    | 21   | 20  |      | 175  | 794  | 4    | 311     | 100     | 2674   |  |       |
| American Pipit              |             |      |      |      | 2    |      |      | 3   |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         | 5      |  |       |
| Bohemian Waxwing            |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      | 1    |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         | 1      |  |       |
| Cedar Waxwing               |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      | 9    |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         | 9      |  |       |
| Common Yellowthroat         |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      | 1    |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         | 1      |  |       |
| Spotted Towhee              | 3           | 3    |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      | 1    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1   |      | 1    |      |      | 5       | 1       | 15     |  |       |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 7           |      |      |      | 20   | 20   | 36   | 58  | 4    | 10   | 82   | 10    | 5    |      |      |      |      |      | 3    |     |      | 8    |      |      |         |         | 263    |  |       |
| Song Sparrow                | 7           | 4    | 4    | 4    | 5    | 14   | 6    | 23  | 12   | 16   | 32   | 5     | 3    |      | 1    |      |      | 2    | 6    | 4   |      |      | 2    | 5    | 1       | 2       | 158    |  |       |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |             | 1    |      | 8    | 4    | 8    |      |     |      |      | 1    | 1     |      |      | 1    |      |      |      |      |     |      |      | 1    |      | 19      |         | 44     |  |       |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 51          | 36   | 40   | 32   | 15   | 50   | 13   | 8   | 47   | 61   | 116  | 150   | 19   | 40   | 95   | 58   | 70   | 33   | 35   | 12  | 24   | 23   | 34   | 92   | 115     | 297     | 1596   |  |       |
| "White-winged" race         | (1)         |      |      |      |      |      |      | (1) | (1)  |      | (2)  | (1)   |      |      |      |      | (3)  |      |      |     |      |      |      |      | (19)    |         | (28)   |  |       |
| "Slate-colored" race        | (4)         | (5)  | (4)  | (7)  | (2)  |      | (13) |     | (6)  |      | (22) |       |      |      | (1)  |      | (1)  | (12) |      | (7) |      |      | (30) |      | (17)    | (93)    | (224)  |  |       |
| "Oregon"/"pink-sided"       | (6)         | (12) | (34) | (25) | (13) | (40) |      | (7) | (40) | (9)  | (81) |       | (17) | (2)  | (14) |      | (8)  | (6)  | (35) | (2) |      | (5)  | (4)  | (36) | (70)    | (103)   | (568)  |  |       |
| "Gray-headed" race          | (20)        |      | (2)  |      |      |      |      |     |      | (10) | (5)  |       | (2)  | (38) | (16) |      | (58) | (15) |      | (3) | (16) | (18) |      | (32) | (25)    | (52)    | (312)  |  |       |
| junco race                  | (20)        | (19) |      |      |      | (10) |      |     |      | (42) | (6)  | (149) |      |      | (64) | (58) |      |      |      |     | (8)  |      |      | (25) | (3)     | (30)    | (434)  |  |       |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 9           | 15   | 4    | 83   |      | 65   | 8    | 21  | 35   | 155  | 154  |       | 211  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1   |      | 9    | 87   |      | 185     | 172     | 1215   |  |       |
| Western Meadowlark          |             |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1   | 2    | 4    | 4    |       | 10   |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         |         | 21     |  |       |
| Cassin's Finch              |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         | 2       | 2      |  |       |
| House Finch                 | 16          | 124  | 40   | 87   | 30   | 70   |      |     | 52   | 18   | 30   | 3     | 21   | 5    | 17   | 52   | 17   | 34   | 11   | 22  |      | 15   | 129  | 13   | 291     | 157     | 1254   |  |       |
| Red Crossbill               |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         | 2       | 2      |  |       |
| Pine Siskin                 |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      | 1    |       |      | 2    | 5    | 27   | 31   | 29   |      |     | 3    |      |      |      | 20      | 111     | 229    |  |       |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      | 6       |         | 6      |  |       |
| American Goldfinch          | 1           | 3    | 3    | 1    |      | 15   | 42   | 11  | 1    | 32   | 4    |       | 1    |      |      |      |      | 4    | 4    |     |      |      |      |      | 14      | 14      | 150    |  |       |
| Evening Grosbeak            |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |       |      |      | 15   |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |         | 5       | 20     |  |       |
| House Sparrow               | 9           | 52   | 30   | 10   | 60   | 15   | 5    | 11  |      | 2    | 7    |       | 3    |      |      |      | 15   | 23   | 8    | 1   |      | 13   | 84   |      | 437     | 39      | 824    |  |       |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 264         | 2170 | 1132 | 5694 | 4524 | 3221 | 604  | 444 | 463  | 836  | 4100 | 344   | 746  | 103  | 440  | 419  | 285  | 334  | 452  | 139 | 105  | 457  | 4420 | 248  | 3628    | 1997    | 37,569 |  |       |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 26          | 41   | 28   | 50   | 36   | 49   | 24   | 26  | 38   | 39   | 62   | 25    | 27   | 16   | 24   | 20   | 19   | 25   | 25   | 19  | 13   | 31   | 44   | 25   | 40      | 36      | 107    |  |       |

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## Additional Reports

| Species            | Dates | Number seen | Location                   | County    | Observers         |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Ross' Goose        | 1/12  |             | 1 Cherry Creek St. Park    | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown         |
| Greater Scaup      | 1/26  | 1am         | 10500 N. Huron, Northglenn | Adams     | Karleen Schofield |
| Glaucous Gull      | 1/26  | 1 1st basic | Standley Lake              | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl | 1/3   |             | 1 Waterton Canyon          | Jefferson | Dan Bridges       |
| Winter Wren        | 1/3   |             | 1 Waterton Canyon          | Jefferson | Dan Bridges       |
| Winter Wren        | 1/3   |             | 1 Colorado Trail           | Douglas   | Dan Bridges       |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type

A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage

**DFO Field Trip Summaries for January 2002****January 5, Saturday      *Red Rocks and Morrison Parks (RRP)***

**Leader(s):** Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Mike Foster, Daniela Heck-Garr, Bob Hutchinson, Myron Plooster, Buzz Schaumberg. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 30-35 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 118 Individuals.

**January 6, Sunday      *Boulder County: Valmont Reservoirs (VAL)***

**Leader(s):** Bob Jickling. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Alan Bell, Mike and Steve Bloom, Jill Boice, Carolyn Cooley, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Joe Krieg, Chuck Lowrie, Tracy Pheneger, Myron Plooster, Bob Rohwedder, Helga Sproul, Larry Wilson, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds and riparian; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 26-37 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 1452 Individuals.

**January 12, Saturday      *Chatfield State Park (CHA)***

**Leader(s):** Andrew Spencer. **Observers:** Ursala Barsch, Jack and Jan Blankenship, Mary Burger, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Mary Geder, Bob Hutchinson, Charles Lawrence, Chuck Lowrie, Kathy Nelson, Laiaine Ohmert, Frank and Marilyn Rathman, Buzz Schaumberg, Karleen Schofield, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Mary Stallings, Ru and Bob Wing, Bob Zartman. **Time:** 0900-1330. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, river; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 30-50 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 1133 Individuals.

**January 13, Sunday      *Northeast Colorado (NEC)***

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Richard Mendez, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan, Helen Standish. **Time:** 0800-1700. **Distance:** 188 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains; elev. 5280'. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 20-25 mph; temp. 30-40 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 6960 Individuals.

**January 20, Saturday      *Fort Collins with the Fort Collins Audubon Society (FCA)***

**Leader(s):** Dave Leatherman, Karleen Schofield, David Ely. **Observers:** Ruth Dick, Patty Echelmeyer, Ken Ecton, Rachel Hopper, Greg Luger, Myrna Luger, Richard Mendez, Jean Morgan, Dhruv Owens, Peter Spanberger, Sandy Walker. **Time:** 0830-1450. **Distance:** 26 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, cemetery; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind N, 0-15 mph; temp. 24-38 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 3760 Individuals.

**January 26, Saturday      *Cherry Creek State Park (CCR)***

**Leader(s):** Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Dan Brachear, Barbara Brown, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Chuck Lowrie, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0830-1430. **Distance:** 13 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, urban park; elev. 5550'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind W, 0-15 mph; temp. 47-66 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 580 Individuals.

**January 27, Sunday      *South Platte Park (SPP)***

**Leader(s):** JB Hayes. **Observers:** Beverly Allen, Jerrie Hurd, Karleen Schofield, Karen Welter, Kelsey Welter. **Time:** 0900-1345. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River, ponds, riparian; elev. 5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind calm; temp. 40-61 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 1437 Individuals.

*Tuesday Birders on the next page*



## DFO Field Trip Summaries for January 2002, continued

### Tuesday Birders

January 8, Tuesday (HGA)

*Hudson Gardens & South Platte Bicycle Path South From Riverfront*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot.

Habitat: Gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, Russian Olive, gardens; elev. 5700'. Weather: cloudy; wind W, 10 mph; temp. 46-52 °F. Totals: 29 Species, 677 Individuals.

January 15, Tuesday (CHW)

*Audubon Discovery Pavilion, Chatfield Wetlands & Waterton Canyon*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 18. Time: 0900-1230. Distance: 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas & rock outcrops; elev. 5430-5600'. Weather: Mostly sunny; wind E, 0-5 mph; temp. 36-36 °F. Totals: 18 Species, 117 Individuals.

January 22, Tuesday (SPR)

*South Platte River & 88th -South & North*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 27. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, bicycle trail; elev. 5200'. Weather: Mostly sunny; wind NE, 3-12 mph; temp. 36-56 °F. Totals: 36 Species, 1615 Individuals.

January 29, Tuesday (RRP)

*Red Rocks & Morrison Parks*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 18. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot.

Habitat: Foothills, shrubland, riparian, city park; elev. 5800-6300'. Weather: Partly cloudy; wind 0-3 mph; temp. 24-33 °F. Totals: 19 Species, 115 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)



### In Memory

Two widows of long time birders and DFO members passed away in January. Marie Shier, 95, of Golden and Joyce Cooper of Lakewood. Marie developed nature trails on their hogback property near Van Bibber Creek. Her husband George was treasurer of DFO for many years. Joyce Cooper, widow of John, lived these last several years at the Meridan in

Lakewood. The Cooper's took their neighbor Van Remsen "under their wing" when he was a teenager (he is now Curator of Birds at Louisiana State University and involved in the Ivory-billed Woodpecker search). It was fun to know and to laugh with these two long lived ladies, and to learn about Cooper's geological adventures and Marie's gardening experiences. They were special women.

### Contributions Received in Memory of Alfred Clebsch Jr.

James & Paula Blakey, Jean & Moffatt Bradford, Marguerite Conover, Dan Ely, Richard F. Hadley, George A. & Ruth E. Honold, Franklin Newhall, Dot & Ken Niles, LaRue A. Baker-Odenbach, Quentin & Lorraine Paulson, William & Elsie Robinson, Eleanor L. Simpson, Tuesday Birders (Also Albina Clebsch), Lorraine B. West, Gregg J. Wiche, Mr. & Mrs. James F. Wilson, Jr.

Thank you.

## Field Trip Summary Table, January 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     |     |      |      |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 5               | 6   | 12  | 13   | 20   | 26  | 27  | 8               | 15  | 22  | 29  |       |
|                             | RRP             | VAL | CHA | NEC  | FCA  | CCR | SPP | HGA             | CHW | SPR | RRP |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 | 30  |     |      |      | 2   |     |                 |     | 2   |     | 34    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 | 7   |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 | 1   |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Grebe               |                 | 8   |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 8     |
| American White Pelican      |                 |     |     | 1    |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 | 9   | 2   |      | 2    |     | 3   | 3               |     | 1   |     | 20    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |     |     |      |      |     | 19  | 3               |     | 1   |     | 23    |
| Snow Goose                  |                 |     |     | 1    | 1    |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| "Blue morph"                |                 |     |     |      | (1)  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | (1)   |
| Canada Goose                |                 | 450 | 800 | 5000 | 1850 | 73  | 450 | 400             | 30  | 350 |     | 9403  |
| Wood Duck                   |                 |     |     |      | 3    |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Gadwall                     |                 | 6   | 25  |      | 1    | 8   | 35  | 5               |     | 50  |     | 130   |
| American Wigeon             |                 |     | 2   | 34   | 39   | 8   | 5   | 80              |     | 10  |     | 178   |
| Mallard                     |                 | 310 | 75  | 135  | 875  | 57  | 60  | 40              |     | 25  |     | 1577  |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 | 28  |     |      | 48   |     | 250 |                 |     | 450 |     | 776   |
| Northern Pintail            |                 |     | 18  | 125  |      |     |     | 5               |     | 110 |     | 258   |
| Green-winged Teal           |                 |     | 51  | 16   | 2    | 30  | 30  | 9               |     | 100 |     | 238   |
| Canvasback                  |                 | 14  |     |      | 3    |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 18    |
| Redhead                     |                 | 9   |     |      |      |     | 4   |                 |     |     |     | 13    |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 | 8   |     |      | 42   |     | 4   | 2               |     | 10  |     | 66    |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 | 6   |     |      | 27   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 33    |
| Oldsquaw                    |                 |     |     |      |      |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Bufflehead                  |                 | 2   | 24  |      |      |     | 22  | 20              |     | 30  |     | 98    |
| Common Goldeneye            |                 | 14  | 10  | 2    | 18   |     | 35  | 5               |     | 95  |     | 179   |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 | 16  |     |      |      |     | 19  | 16              |     |     |     | 51    |
| Common Merganser            |                 | 65  | 14  | 30   | 2    | 150 | 13  | 1               |     |     |     | 275   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |                 | 13  |     |      |      |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 15    |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 | 5   |     | 26   | 2    | 2   |     | 1               |     | 1   |     | 37    |
| Northern Harrier            |                 | 1   | 1   | 10   | 1    | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 16    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |     |     | 1    | 1    |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |                 |     |     | 1    | 1    |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| accipiter sp.               |                 |     |     |      |      | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 2               | 2   | 2   | 8    | 1    | 6   | 1   | 1               | 2   | 3   |     | 28    |
| western races               |                 | (1) | (2) |      |      | (6) |     |                 |     |     |     | (9)   |
| "Harlan's" race             |                 |     |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     | (1) |     | (1)   |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                 |     |     | 6    |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 6     |
| buteo sp.                   |                 |     |     |      |      | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                | 2               | 2   |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| American Kestrel            |                 |     | 1   | 17   | 1    |     |     | 1               | 1   | 4   | 2   | 27    |
| Merlin                      |                 |     |     |      | 2    |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |     |     | 3    | 1    | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 |     |     | 6    |      | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 9     |
| American Coot               |                 | 250 | 3   |      | 8    | 6   | 14  |                 |     | 8   |     | 289   |
| Killdeer                    |                 |     | 5   | 4    |      | 1   | 2   | 6               |     | 9   |     | 27    |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 | 95  | 4   | 145  | 1    | 23  | 150 | 9               |     | 200 |     | 627   |
| California Gull             |                 | 1   |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Herring Gull                |                 | 6   | 1   | 2    |      | 1   | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 12    |
| Glaucous-winged Gull        |                 |     |     |      |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Dove                   | 14              | 11  | 4   | 93   | 62   | 20  | 45  | 5               |     | 15  | 3   | 272   |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 |     |     | 1    |      |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 1               | 2   | 2   |      | 4    |     | 3   | 3               |     | 4   |     | 19    |

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## Field Trip Summary Table, January 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |             |             |             |             |            |             | TUESDAY BIRDERS |            |             |            | TOTAL        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
|                             | 5<br>RRP        | 6<br>VAL    | 12<br>CHA   | 13<br>NEC   | 20<br>FCA   | 26<br>CCR  | 27<br>SPP   | 8<br>HGA        | 15<br>CHW  | 22<br>SPR   | 29<br>RRP  |              |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 |             | 2           |             | 1           | 2          |             |                 | 2          | 1           | 2          | 11           |
| "Rocky Mountain" race       | (1)             |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | (1)          |
| "eastern" race              |                 |             | (2)         |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | (2)          |
| Northern Flicker            | 4               | 2           | 1           | 7           | 12          | 11         | 7           | 1               | 2          | 3           | 1          | 51           |
| "Red-shafted" race          | (4)             | (2)         | (1)         | (7)         | (12)        | (11)       | (7)         |                 |            |             |            | (44)         |
| Steller's Jay               |                 |             |             |             | 1           |            |             |                 |            |             | 1          | 2            |
| Blue Jay                    |                 |             |             | 2           |             | 1          |             |                 |            |             |            | 3            |
| Western Scrub-Jay           | 8               |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 | 1          |             | 11         | 20           |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 4               | 9           | 19          | 66          | 9           | 36         | 12          | 9               | 6          | 13          | 7          | 190          |
| American Crow               | 1               | 15          | 6           | 21          | 52          | 14         | 30          | 7               | 5          | 16          | 4          | 171          |
| Common Raven                |                 | 2           | 4           |             |             |            |             |                 |            | 3           |            | 9            |
| Horned Lark                 |                 |             |             | 75          |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 75           |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 17              |             | 9           | 6           | 7           | 8          | 3           | 3               | 5          | 3           | 8          | 69           |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 2               |             |             |             | 8           |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 10           |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                 |             |             |             | 11          |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 11           |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 2               |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 2            |
| Brown Creeper               |                 |             | 3           |             | 4           | 2          |             |                 | 4          |             |            | 13           |
| Canyon Wren                 |                 |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             | 2          | 2            |
| American Dipper             | 2               |             | 1           |             | 1           |            |             |                 |            |             | 1          | 5            |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |                 |             |             |             | 2           |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 2            |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        | 2               |             |             |             | 2           |            | 1           | 1               | 4          |             | 1          | 11           |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 4               |             | 1           |             | 1           |            |             |                 | 3          |             | 8          | 17           |
| American Robin              |                 | 2           |             | 5           | 37          | 8          | 1           | 6               |            | 3           | 4          | 66           |
| Gray Catbird                | 1               |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 1            |
| Brown Thrasher              | 2               |             |             |             |             |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 2            |
| European Starling           | 1               | 15          | 3           | 750         | 156         | 5          | 175         | 30              |            | 22          | 1          | 1158         |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                 |             |             |             | 12          |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 12           |
| Spotted Towhee              | 1               |             |             |             | 3           |            |             |                 | 1          |             | 2          | 7            |
| American Tree Sparrow       |                 |             | 4           | 21          | 1           | 12         |             |                 | 3          | 26          |            | 67           |
| Song Sparrow                | 3               | 2           | 4           | 1           | 3           | 6          | 2           | 1               | 4          | 10          | 3          | 39           |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                 |             | 1           | 3           |             |            |             |                 | 1          | 1           |            | 6            |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 22              | 8           | 6           | 28          | 96          | 7          | 5           |                 | 42         | 4           | 50         | 268          |
| "White-winged" race         |                 |             |             |             | (1)         |            |             |                 | (1)        |             |            | (2)          |
| "Slate-colored" race        |                 |             |             |             |             |            | (2)         |                 |            |             |            | (2)          |
| "Oregon" race               | (9)             | (3)         | (6)         | (28)        | (21)        | (1)        |             |                 |            |             |            | (68)         |
| "Pink-sided" race           | (4)             | (3)         |             |             | (23)        | (6)        | (3)         |                 |            |             |            | (39)         |
| "Gray-headed" race          | (9)             | (2)         |             |             | (13)        |            |             |                 |            |             |            | (24)         |
| Red-winged Blackbird        |                 |             | 6           | 115         | 270         | 44         | 6           |                 |            | 15          |            | 456          |
| Western Meadowlark          |                 |             | 3           | 38          |             | 11         |             |                 |            |             |            | 52           |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |             |             |             | 24          |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 24           |
| House Finch                 | 22              | 7           | 1           | 21          | 3           | 13         | 1           |                 | 1          | 2           | 4          | 75           |
| Red Crossbill               |                 |             |             |             | 3           |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 3            |
| White-winged Crossbill      |                 |             |             |             | 32          |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 32           |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |             |             |             | 7           |            |             |                 |            |             |            | 7            |
| American Goldfinch          |                 | 4           | 15          | 4           |             | 4          | 8           |                 |            |             |            | 35           |
| House Sparrow               |                 | 15          |             | 130         | 4           |            | 15          | 4               |            | 15          |            | 183          |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>    | <b>118</b>      | <b>1452</b> | <b>1133</b> | <b>6960</b> | <b>3760</b> | <b>580</b> | <b>1437</b> | <b>677</b>      | <b>117</b> | <b>1615</b> | <b>115</b> | <b>17965</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>        | <b>22</b>       | <b>39</b>   | <b>37</b>   | <b>40</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>33</b>  | <b>38</b>   | <b>29</b>       | <b>18</b>  | <b>36</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>84</b>    |

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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

**All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year  
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**\$20.00** ☐ Regular Family Membership

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## "Behavioral and Evolutionary Ecology"

Presented by  
Dr. David McDonald  
Wednesday April 3

Dr. McDonald's lab work centers on behavioral and evolutionary ecology, using a combination of molecular genetic techniques and demographic modeling.

His current projects include Boreal Owls with a primary emphasis on Black Rosy-Finches, *Leucosticte atrata*, and Brown-capped Rosy-Finches, *L. australis*. Past molecular projects include black bears, Burrowing Owls, Florida Scrub Jays, Long-tailed Manakins. His demographic interests focus on life history evolution, particularly in the context of social behavior. Demographic projects include stage-classified matrix population models for socially structured populations, demonstration of actuarial senescence in bird populations, and the



relationship between life history variation and mating systems.

He has also conducted experimental presentations of taxidermic mounts in the zone of introgression between White-collared Manakins, *Manacus candei*, and Golden-collared

manakins, *M. vitellinus* (the elegant animal depicted below left) near the Panamanian-Costa Rican border. The rosy-finch work integrates Dr. McDonald's diverse interests in mating systems, genetic structure, hybrid zones, and evolutionary demography.

For more information, visit the web page at the university: <http://www.uwyo.edu/dbmcd/mcdhome/mcdmain.html>

## DFO Field Trips for April 2002

April 6, Saturday

Wray area, Greater Prairie-Chickens

Leader: Karleen Schofeld, 303-936-8661

Must register with leader. For DFO members; guest accepted if space available. Meet leader at 0630 to carpool in Denver at Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway: Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west one long block to Broadway, north two blocks to DOW on right. Will look for spring migrants along the way before visiting private lek in afternoon. Access to lek limited to four vehicles. Full-day trip; bring lunch, supper, and water as well as a two-way radio, if you have one; home 9-10 p.m. 1-2 miles walking. May need State Parks pass, depending on final itinerary and weather.

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.



## "The Colorado Bird Club" Beginnings and Early History

By Warren I. Finch  
Historian

"The Colorado Bird Club" received its State Documentation of Incorporation (not for pecuniary profit) on the twentieth day of March A.D. 1935 at the hour of 11:30 o'clock, am. Forty-eight charter members are listed, including Robert J. Niedrach and Ruth Wheeler; interestingly, there were only six men in the list. Mrs. Helen Wasmuck Huron was the first President in 1935, followed by Miss Robina Storrie in 1936, Miss Clara C. Tate in 1937 and 1938, and Mr. Fred Kleinschnitz, Jr., in 1938-39.



*Dr. Robert Niedrach in the field*

Officers included President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Directors (four in 1935). Standing committees included Field Trips: Miss Ruth Wheeler, Miss Clara Tate, and Mr.

George Ise in 1938-39; Program: Mr. Fred Kleinschnitz, Jr., Mrs. Clyde T. Hunt, and Miss Berness Bunker; Membership; Books; Press; Conservation; Librarian (apparently for the Museum) and Historian. Regular meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month except June, July, and August at 8:00 am in the Colorado Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver. Dues were \$1 per year. Field trips were made on weekends from April to November, inclusive. On Saturdays the meeting time was 1:30 pm because in those days folks worked until noon on Saturday; Sunday trips were early in the morning.

Here's a flavor of 60 years ago—the 1939 field trip schedule:  
**April 8, Saturday**, resident birds and migrants, Waterton and vicinity, meet at Overland Park Golf Course at 1:30 pm;  
**April 15, Saturday**, shore birds and plains migrants, Fish Hatchery and Platte River, meet at City Park Museum at 9 am;

**April 29, Saturday**, Lake and marsh birds, Marston Lake and Morrison, meet at Federal Blvd. and Alameda;



*Ms. Ruth Wheeler*

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## Lark Bunting Field Trip Editors and Deadlines

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the various responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

### Field Trip/Count Reports

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### Additional Reports

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### Announcements

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### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

**Feb, May, Aug, Nov** includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

**Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec** includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianne Johnston, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

### ! Reminder

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, even taking into account that it is sent via third class mail, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information.

We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip schedule at [www.geocities.com/dfobirders](http://www.geocities.com/dfobirders).

## Contributions and New Members

**Rare Bird Alert:** Inga Brennan

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**Welcome New Members!** Lucie Clark, 335 Ski Way #300, Incline Village, NV 80451, 775-831-2909; Leo & Pat Fisher, 10307 Tracery Ct., Parker, CO 80134, 303-840-3118; Allen Hagood, 3550 So. Harlan St. 11-336, Denver, CO 80235, 303-986-5870; Patrick Ryan, 2345 So. York #14, Denver, CO 80210, 303-715-4852; Polleke Siraa, 12216 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014, 303-755-2522

## Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help conduct bird surveys for a new city park.

This long-term survey will identify birds of several habitats including wetlands, ponds, parks and fields. Please call Dave Rhoades 303.424.8633 if you are interested in this project.

Majestic View Park is located at 70<sup>th</sup> and Garrison, Arvada, CO.

and...

DFO is looking for someone willing to help us update our web site. It's not intense, but a once a month effort to upload field trip information. Those willing to give us a few hours should contact Carolyn Cooley at [carolyncooley@msn.com](mailto:carolyncooley@msn.com) or call her at (303) 798-9010.

## Classes, Trips and Viewing Opportunities

### Birding hotspots of Costa Rica, March 25 to April 8, 2002

The Kamms are offering another of their outstanding excursions. The trip is limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811 (e-mail: aliciakamm@hotmail.com), or call Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

### DFO Big Bend Trip, April 20-27, includes side trip to the Davis Mountains

Big Bend National Park hosts a basketful of special birds rarely seen anywhere else in North America. The remoteness of the Chisos Mountains, which surrounds the park is just a stone's throw across the Rio Grande River to Mexico.



R. & N. Bowers/MREO

The most notable avian treasure in the Chisos Mountains is the infamous Colima Warbler. A chance for intimate looks at this warbler requires a full day, hot mountain hike. All expenses shared, limited to 8 birders. Contact Dave Rhoades (303.424.8633) or Bob Richter (303.692.8529) for more information or to add ones name to the drawing hat.

## DFO Field Trips for April 2002, continued

### April 6, Saturday

*Arvada area (Two Ponds, Stanley Lake, Majestic View)*

**Leader:** David Rhoades, 303-424-8633

Meet at 0730 at Two Ponds parking lot, on south side of 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Wadsworth and Kipling. (Look for brown park sign east of Hoyt St.) Half-day trip; lunch optional. See what surprises there are in these *different* parks!

### April 7, Sunday daylight savings begins today, don't be late! Set clocks ahead.

*High country birding*

**Leader:** Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035

Meet at 0700 at southeast corner of Park and Ride at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Union, in Lakewood, for carpooling. Full-day trip; bring lunch and water. Weather permitting, we'll try for Ptarmigan on Guanella Pass.

### April 12 and 13, Friday and Saturday, *Gunnison Sage Grouse*

**Leader:** Andrew Spencer, 303-770-6299. The trip will be limited to four cars on lek. Names will be drawn for participants. Call the leader to register by April 5.

### April 13, Saturday, *Longmont area*

**Leaders:** Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet at 0730 at the Safeway near Jim Hamm Park. From I-25, take exit 240. Go west 4 miles on C-119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road. Go 2 miles north to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.). From Jim Hamm Park, go 1 mile west to the Safeway parking lot. Three-quarter-day trip, bring lunch.

### April 14, Sunday, *Lower Latham, Hudson, and Greeley areas*

**Leader:** Dick Pratt, 303-651-6860

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Full-day trip; bring lunch. We'll search for raptors and early waders.

## 1939 Field Trips, continued

- May 6, Saturday**, plains migrants, Cherry Creek and Sullivan, meet at First Avenue and Colorado Blvd;
- May 13, Saturday**, residents and migrants, Roxborough Park, meet at Overland Park Golf Course;
- May 21, Sunday**, city nesting birds, City Park, meet at 5:30 am.;
- May 27, Saturday**, transition zone songbirds, Castlewood Dam, meet at First Avenue and Colorado Blvd;
- June 4, Sunday**, summer birds, Black Mountain Ranch, meet at Federal Blvd and Alameda at 9 am;
- June 11**, transition zone nesters, Fishburn- "Silver Craigs" Chalet, North Turkey Creek, meet at Federal Blvd and Alameda;
- June 18, Sunday**, birds of the plains and lower mountains, Plum Creek and Perry Park Road, meet at Overland Park at 9 am;
- June 24, Saturday**, herons and foothill birds, Platte River and Deer Creek;
- July 9, Sunday**, boreal zone birds, Echo Lake;
- July 16, Sunday**, birds of the foothills, "Wonder Vu" and Coal Creek;
- July 29, Saturday**, transition zone birds, Genesee Mountain;
- September 9**, birds of the cottonwood groves, Richardson Grove;
- September 23**, upper Sonoran and transition zone birds, Yellow pine country south of Denver
- October 7**, lake and shore birds, Barr Lake and Gun Club;
- October 21**, lake and marsh birds, Marston Lake;
- November 4**, birds of creek bottoms, Sullivan
- November 18**, residents and migrants, Pratt's Ranch.

*Editor's note: Mr. Finch has promised to send us more articles charting the DFO's club history. We thank him for his efforts in securing the photos and writing this month's article.*



Jerry Besser, a longtime DFO member, passed away February 7. As a nationally recognized Research Biologist at the US Fish and Wildlife, Jerry spent most of his career in solving bird problems related to agriculture in North America, notably Starlings vs. cattle feeding and Red-winged Blackbirds vs. sunflower farming. He donated his bird publication library to the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory at their Barr Lake office, 303 659-4348.

### Lifer Sighted and Captured on film!

Sighted near Blue Lake, north of Las Animas, February 22, 2002. This Snowy Owl was a lifer for Bob Rohwedder. He found the owl nestled in the rocks. Bob (understandably) tried to get closer, and the owl flew away towards the lake. Lucky for him he had his camera.

Now would it not be a wonderful invention to have a digital camera built into field glasses—has anyone thought of that, or this editor missing the boat?

Thank you Bob for sending us this photo and sharing your great birding experience.





## Field Trip Summaries for February 2002

### February 2, Saturday *Chatfield State Park, (CHA)*

**Leader(s):** Ed Holub. **Observers:** Peggy Gonder, Bob Hutchinson, Bob Rohwedder. **Time:** 0730-1415. **Distance:** 21 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, meadow; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 20-40 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 1088 Individuals.

### February 3, Sunday, *Southwest Lakes (SWL)*

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Jimmy Cruze, Jim Fisher, Beverlee Guild, Chuck Lowrie, Alberta Nelson, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 31 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakeside, foothills, scrub. **Weather:** Clear; wind SW, 5-10 mph; temp. 22-44 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 3446 Individuals.

### February 9, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

**Leader(s):** Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Bob Hutchison, Chuck Lowrie, Dick Pratt, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 45 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** rural, riparian, ponds and lakes; elev. 4500'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind N, 32-38 mph; temp. 30 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 4782 Individuals.

### February 10, Sunday *Valentine's Day Trip (VDT)*

**Leader(s):** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Barbara and Les Brown, Doug Faulkner, Peggy Fitzgerald, John Flavin, David Laliberte, Elena Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1530. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, ponds, urban; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 20-48 °F. **Totals:** 46 Species, 5859 Individuals.

### February 16, Saturday *Feeder Frolic (FFR)*

**Leader(s):** Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Marilyn Brenengen, Alison Donnelly, Patty Echelmeyer, Sonja Hahn, Chuck Lowrie, Gary Matthews, Mary Stallings, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0830-1430. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Park, Ponds, River, feeders, foothill cliffs, pine; elev. 5500-7000'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind S, 5 mph; temp. 30-50 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 889 Individuals.

### February 17, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze, Bob and Lee Ann Brown. **Observers:** Maggie Boswell, Barbara Brown, Merge Carlisle, Jim Holden, Lynne Jordan, Judy Knoshaug, Ron Knoshaug, Larry Moore, Nancy Moore, Joyce Mosetic, Catina Short, Larry Stanley, Peggy Stark, Dennis Wojcieki. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub oak; elev. 6000'. **Weather:** Thin clouds; wind SW, 0-15 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 18 Species, 97 Individuals.

### February 23, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CCK)*

**Leader(s):** Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Warren Finch, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Debbie Kennedy, Leslie Lanting, Tina Podolak, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, prairie; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind S, 0-15 mph; temp. 40-70 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1522 Individuals.

### February 24, Sunday

Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

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## Summary of 2001 DFO Field Activities

Many thanks to all DFO members who participated in last year's field trips as observers and leaders. Special recognition goes to Patty Echelmeyer, Dianna Johnston and Jackie King for their dedication each month, scheduling the club's outings for nearly every weekend throughout the year. Those members who joined in the fun found that these field activities offered opportunities to sharpen their personal birding skills and add to their birding knowledge.

Hugh Kingery and Dick Schottler again took on the task of organizing the New Year's Day, spring, fall and December counts. Thank you both. It would be hard to imagine a year without these traditional events.

The schedules and resulting data from all these field activities appear in the club's newsletter, *The Lark Bunting* made possible through the efforts of our volunteer editorial team: Cris Cook, Diane Lane, Kim Sawyer, who e-mails monthly trip schedules; Andrew Spencer, field trip/count compiler; Elna Cain, additional reports editor; Ruth Breckon, who announces special trips/events; and finally, Veronica Holt, Chief Editor, who assembles everything into a newsletter, adding her own personal touch, and then forwarding the finished product to the printer!

Our appreciation goes, also, to David Quesenberry for maintaining the DFO website with field trip schedules and to Norm Erthal for his contribution for much time in keeping the Rare Bird Alert always up-to-date with club activities and recent interesting sightings. Thank you all very much for your service to the membership.

The following Summary of club field activity, January-December 31, 2001, includes data appearing in "The Lark Bunting" from weekly field trips and May, September, and December counts. "Additional" species reported to the newsletter and not seen on DFO trips are also noted. Although the Tuesday Birder's and New Year's Audubon reports also appear in the newsletter, their data are not included in this Summary.

**\*\*Note:** data from 5 trips/counts were inadvertently left out of some of the newsletters, so some totals will reflect a lower number than would otherwise appear in the Summary. Membership numbers presented in this report refer to individuals, not family membership, e.g., Mary and Bob Smith are counted as two participants, although they joined DFO as (one) membership. A five-year compilation of data follows the Summary.

100 field trips were scheduled in 2001; five were cancelled, mostly due to bad weather and bad viruses! The remaining 95 trips resulted in 104 days afield. For those of us who love to pitch a tent and commune with nature for a night or two, Bonny State Park is THE trip in May. Otherwise, overnights usually consist of accommodations with television and, if lucky, room service. Counts numbered 39 for a total of 134 club trips for the year.

One hundred and eighty-seven members (down from a five-year high of 292 in 1997) and 179 guests (including 33 December feeder counters) birded for a total of 1048 hours. Speaking of guests, it is curious to note that very few guests made repeat visits on field trips as guests. Some applied for membership, many were on a brief visit to Denver. Other reasons are unknown. Hope we didn't scare them off with our wild enthusiasm! "Why are you visiting?" would be an interesting question for leaders to ask in the future. Observers drove 7808.8 miles while birding and walked 342.7 miles in the field to find the 280 species seen or heard on these trips. All of these adventures were brought to you by our volunteer leaders; 57 cute, charming, intelligent, witty, etc., club members who slogged through snow and mud, traversed snake-infested foothills, forded creeks and sloughs, bushwhacked

## Summary of 2001 DFO Field Activities, continued

through willows and spiny Russian Olives, fought blizzards on mountain passes to share with members their joy of birding. By the way, we are always recruiting new leaders.

Of these leaders, Jackie King led the most outings with 10 club trips! Other members leading 5 or more trips: Marilyn and Lee Rowe, Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, Chris Owens, Richard Mendez, Doris Cruze, Lynn Willcockson. Altogether, these members led 42 field trips for DFO. (Applause!)

Considering 2001 membership members for the club a healthy 516 individuals, little more than a third (187 or 36%) were active in the field with the DFO, always a bit of a surprise. However, the good news: of 46 individuals who became members in 2001, 25 joined us on one or more trip/count = 54% participation, a more encouraging percentage than that of overall membership. The last bit of data, another 82 species appeared under "Additional Reports" in the newsletter, resulting in a total of 362 species reported in 2001, compared with 384 in 2000 and a 5year high of 399 in 1997.

2001 DFO sightings include Trumpeter Swan, Short-billed Dowitcher, Black-legged Kittiwake, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Vermilion Flycatcher, Bohemian Waxwing, and Golden-crowned Sparrow. While we had fun finding rarer species in Colorado, a number of usual species, such as Eastern Screech-Owl, failed to reach the editors, along with some common west slope and eastern plains breeders. DFO leaders are encouraged to arrange trips to Pawnee National Grassland, S.E. Colorado and Grand Junction areas with the schedulers, if you have an interest. Maybe we could break the 5year record of 312 species seen in 2000!

Since our organization is named Denver FIELD Ornithologists and our stated purpose is "to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats", we warmly invite each and every member to participate in some way in club activities in 2002. Attend a monthly meeting, join a field trip. Your DFO membership is the best bargain in town!

Wishing you all good birding in 2002!

Karleen Schofield, Coordinator for Field Trip Schedulers

| Number of             | 1997 | 1998 | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   |
|-----------------------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Trips/counts          | 158  | 140  | 145    | 134    | 134    |
| Trips/counts species  | 309  | 278  | 305    | 312    | 280    |
| "Additional" species  | 90   | 101  | 65     | 72     | 82     |
| Total species         | 399  | 379  | 370    | 384    | 362    |
| Hours birded          | 975  | 826  | 1155.1 | 1169   | 1048   |
| Miles driven          | 9944 | 5602 | 8570.5 | 7073   | 7808.8 |
| Miles walked          | 258  | 255  | 375.25 | 362.75 | 342.7  |
| Members participating | 292  | *    | 242    | 233    | 187    |
| Guests                | 139  | *    | 162    | 186    | 179    |
| Total participants    | 431  | *    | 404    | 419    | 366    |
| Leaders               | 74   | 55   | 59     | 56     | 57     |

\* not compiled



## Field Trip Summaries for February 2002, continued

### Tuesday Birders

**February 5, Tuesday**      *Chatfield Nature Preserve (CNP)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pond, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper & open fields; elev. 5500'.

**Weather:** Sunny; wind NW, 0-4 mph; temp. 31-37 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 479 Individuals.

**February 12, Tuesday**      *Bear Creek Lake Park - Lakewood (BCL)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 44. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails & open fields; elev. 5800'. **Weather:**

Cloudy to partly sunny; wind S, 0-8 mph; temp. 24-37 °F. **Totals:** 20 Species, 249 Individuals.

**February 19, Tuesday**      *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, & open grassy areas; elev. 5500'. **Weather:**

Mostly sunny; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 39-42 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 789 Individuals.

**Monna Krebs (Compiler)**

**Field Trip Summary Table, February 2002, continued**

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |             |             |             |            |           |             | TUESDAY    |            |            | TOTAL         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
|                             | 2               | 3           | 9           | 10          | 16         | 17        | 23          | 5          | 12         | 19         |               |
|                             | SOC             | DDT         | LON         | BON         | RIR        | CSP       | BAR         | ABC        | ABC        | ABC        |               |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 15              | 3           | 1           | 8           | 10         | 7         | 11          | 30         | 8          | 9          | 102           |
| Mountain Chickadee          |                 |             |             |             | 2          | 2         |             |            |            |            | 4             |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |                 |             |             |             |            |           | 1           | 4          |            |            | 5             |
| Brown Creeper               |                 |             |             |             |            | 1         |             |            |            |            | 1             |
| Canyon Wren                 |                 |             |             |             |            | 2         |             |            |            |            | 2             |
| American Dipper             | 2               |             |             |             |            |           |             |            | 3          |            | 5             |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 2               |             |             |             |            | 3         |             |            |            | 2          | 7             |
| American Robin              | 1               | 8           | 6           | 2           | 18         |           | 6           |            |            |            | 41            |
| European Starling           | 10              | 192         | 110         | 109         | 28         |           | 10          | 3          |            | 3          | 465           |
| American Pipit              | 1               |             |             | 1           |            |           |             |            |            |            | 2             |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 1               |             |             |             |            |           |             |            |            |            | 1             |
| "Myrtle" race               | (1)             |             |             |             |            |           |             |            |            |            | (1)           |
| Spotted Towhee              |                 |             |             |             | 1          | 1         |             |            |            |            | 2             |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 5               |             |             | 5           |            |           | 12          | 8          | 10         |            | 40            |
| Song Sparrow                |                 |             | 1           | 14          | 4          |           | 6           | 3          |            | 4          | 32            |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                 |             | 15          |             |            |           |             |            |            |            | 15            |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 32              | 15          | 8           | 4           | 8          | 15        | 33          | 20         | 17         |            | 152           |
| "Slate-colored" race        | (2)             |             |             |             | (1)        |           |             |            |            |            | (3)           |
| "Oregon" race               | (10)            | (5)         | (3)         |             | (2)        |           | (8)         |            |            |            | (28)          |
| "Pink-sided" race           | (20)            | (10)        | (5)         |             | (2)        |           | (25)        |            |            |            | (62)          |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                 |             |             |             | (3)        |           |             |            |            |            | (3)           |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 10              | 32          | 116         | 168         | 4          |           | 81          | 3          | 1          | 6          | 421           |
| Western Meadowlark          | 1               |             |             |             |            |           |             | 5          |            | 1          | 7             |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |             |             | 1           |            |           |             |            |            |            | 1             |
| House Finch                 |                 | 25          | 6           | 15          | 13         |           | 11          | 30         | 1          |            | 101           |
| American Goldfinch          | 1               |             | 6           |             | 1          | 4         | 16          | 4          |            |            | 32            |
| House Sparrow               |                 | 21          | 6           | 24          | 28         |           | 37          | 6          | 1          |            | 123           |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>    | <b>1088</b>     | <b>3446</b> | <b>4782</b> | <b>5859</b> | <b>889</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>1522</b> | <b>479</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>789</b> | <b>19,200</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>        | <b>32</b>       | <b>28</b>   | <b>33</b>   | <b>46</b>   | <b>44</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>41</b>   | <b>22</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>77</b>     |

# Denver Field Ornithologists Financial Statement 2001

| Year 2001                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2002                    | \$ 16,010.68     |
| <b>Receipts</b>                              |                  |
| Membership Dues - 2001                       |                  |
| Received in 2000                             | 5,300.00         |
| Received in 2001                             | 4,327.50         |
| Total Membership Dues                        | 9,627.50         |
| Interest                                     | 1,012.26         |
| Colorado Bird Report                         | 718.00           |
| Book Shop                                    | 118.00           |
| Miscellaneous - Tuesday Birders              | 100.00           |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                        | <b>11,575.76</b> |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                         |                  |
| Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting                | 7,099.09         |
| Museum Membership                            | 200.00           |
| Colorado Bird Report                         | 684.40           |
| Liability Insurance                          | 688.00           |
| Book Shop                                    | 122.14           |
| Honoraria                                    | 30.00            |
| Meetings (02) Rent of \$600 included         | 868.89           |
| Miscellaneous                                |                  |
| Administrative                               | 145.56           |
| Bird Trips                                   | 35.01            |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                   | <b>9,871.09</b>  |
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</b> | <b>1,704.67</b>  |
| <b>Adjustments</b>                           |                  |
| Memberships Dues                             |                  |
| Prior Year                                   | (5,300.00)       |
| Next Year                                    | 4,570.00         |
| <b>Balance, December 31 2001</b>             | <b>16,985.35</b> |

| Endowment                    |               |                         |                            |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              |               | 01/01/01 to<br>12/31/01 | Since Inception<br>9/19/94 |
| Beginning Balance            |               | \$ 22,230.87            |                            |
| Receipts                     |               |                         |                            |
|                              | Memorials     |                         | \$ 16,217.38               |
|                              | Interest      | 1,465.98                | 7,536.95                   |
| Contributions from Members   |               | 340.00                  | 1,700.00                   |
| Sale of Al Hay's Books (net) |               | 80.00                   | 926.17                     |
|                              | Grant         | 525.00                  | 1,025.00                   |
| Total Receipts               |               | <u>2,410.98</u>         | <u>29,405.50</u>           |
| Total                        |               | <u>24,641.85</u>        | <u>29,405.50</u>           |
| Disbursements                |               |                         |                            |
|                              | Grants        |                         |                            |
|                              | Organizations | 1,200.00                | 5,003.40                   |
|                              | Individuals   | -                       | 935.00                     |
| Total Grants                 |               | 1,200.00                | 5,938.40                   |
| Administration               |               |                         | 25.25                      |
| Total Disbursement           |               | <u>1,200.00</u>         | <u>5,963.65</u>            |
| Balance December 31 2001     |               | \$ 23,441.85            | \$ 23,441.85               |

Compiled and submitted by Glenn Hageman, Treasurer.

## Additional Reports

| Species                 | Dates     | Number seen | Location                   | County    | Observers                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pacific Loon            | 2/10      | 1b          | Pueblo Reservoir           | Pueblo    | Dick Schottler, Andrew Spencer                                                            |
| Snow Goose              | 2/17      | 409         | Jackson St. Pk.            | Morgan    | Karleen Schofield                                                                         |
| Trumpeter Swan          | 2/23      | 1a          | Shadow Mtn. Res.           | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Tundra Swan             | 2/23      | 21          | Shadow Mtn. Res.           | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Barrow's Goldeneye      | 1/23      | 10m 1f      | Shadow Mtn. Res.           | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Mexlin                  | 2/17      | 1m          | Goedrich                   | Morgan    | Karleen Schofield                                                                         |
| Great Black-backed Gull | 2/10      | 1a          | Pueblo Reservoir           | Pueblo    | Dick Schottler, Andrew Spencer                                                            |
| Snowy Owl               | 2/16-2/22 | up to 3     | N. of Riverside Res.       | Weld      | found by Jerry Kellner, seen by Karleen Schofield, Dick Maxfield, Norma Erickson & m. ob. |
| Snowy Owl               | 2/22      | 1           | Blue Lake N. of Las Animas | Beet      | Bob Rohwedder                                                                             |
| Short-eared Owl         | 2/22      | 2           | N. of Riverside Res.       | Weld      | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl   | 2/16      | 1           | Crow Valley Campground     | Weld      | found by Dick Schottler, m. ob.                                                           |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet  | 1/24      | 11          | Phillipsbury               | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield                                                                         |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler   | 2/17      | 6           | Jackson St. Pk.            | Morgan    | Karleen Schofield & Barbara & Jim Fay                                                     |
| Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch | 2/23      | 150+        | Kremmling                  | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Black Rosy-Finch        | 2/23      | 28+         | Kremmling                  | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Brown-capped Rosy-Finch | 2/23      | 1           | Kremmling                  | Grand     | Nathan Peipow, Andrew Spencer                                                             |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type

A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage



## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.***

**\$20.00** ☐ Regular Family Membership

**\$5** ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## "Breeding Biology and Behavior"

Presented by Dr. Robert Cohen

Wednesday May 1st

Dr. Cohen became intensely interested in birds at the age of four when a pair of Tree Swallows nested in a bird house on their garage in Minnesota. At the age of six, he became interested in identifying the other birds of the neighborhood, and in two years, he was good at identifying most of the local nesting birds. By age 14 he was excellent at field identification of most Minnesota birds. In high school he was a licensed bird bander.

His focus on birds broadened to a more general interest in nature and science in general, leading to a zoology doctorate at the University of Colorado in Boulder. His research work was on the controls of red blood cell production in birds - ducks, specifically.



Frequent trips to the mountains observing Tree Swallows during breeding season sparked an interest conducting extensive research on their breeding biology and other aspects of their life. In 1969 he began work on that research project.

Dr. Cohen has research nest boxes along Highway 93, near Rollinsville, Nederland and Arapahoe Ranch. You may see him and his students doing research throughout the breeding season.

Dr. Cohen was a major contributing author on the Tree Swallow portion in the nationally renowned *The Birds of North America*.

## DFO Field Trips for May 2002

### May 4, Saturday

Longmont Area Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0700 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then two miles north to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, or 17th Ave. From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Full day trip, so bring lunch and extra water. This trip will include Old St. Vrain Road near Lyons. This trip is excellent for novice birders and new members.

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## DFO Field Trips for May 2002, continued

### May 5, Sunday

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947. Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake. Half day trip, lunch optional. Prospect Park Lake is at 44<sup>th</sup> and Robb Street.

### May 11-14 Spring Count Locations

#### May 11, Thursday

Cherry Creek Reservoir Leader: J. B. Hayes, 303-798-9683. Contact leader for details. State Parks pass required.

#### May 12, Friday

Lower Bear Creek Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947. Contact leader for details.

#### May 13, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around lake. State Parks pass required.

Chatfield State Park Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Waterton - Downstream Leader: Bob Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet at 0600 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning from Wadsworth-CO 121 onto Waterton/Roxborough Road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon.) 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

#### May 14, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at 0630 on access road to entrance station at Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Castlewood Canyon State Park Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road. Go two miles to old entrance. State Parks Pass required.

#### May 18, Saturday

Doudy Draw Trail Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster, 303-494-6708. Meet leaders at 0800 - note new parking location at Table Mesa Shopping Center. Take US 36 to Table Mesa Drive. Go west on Table Mesa Drive to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway for 1/4 of a block, then turn right into Table Mesa Shopping Center. Look for Savers sign and park facing Broadway. Doudy Draw Trail is a gentle 3 mile walk with moderate gain. Good for bluebirds, buntings and warblers. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Field trip will stop shortly after lunch so be sure to bring lunch. This trip especially good for novice birders and new members.

#### May 19, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. From I-76, Bromley Lane east to Piccadilly Lane, south at the nursery at Piccadilly Lane. Follow signs to entrance station. Half-day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

## DFO Field Trips for May 2002, continued

### May 25-27 Saturday to Monday

Crescent Lake, Nebraska Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Call leader to arrange car pooling and meeting places. Will leave 0800 Saturday morning and return by 1800 Monday. Trip involves 800-900 miles of driving, much of it on dirt roads marked for 4-wheel drive only. High clearance, standard drive vehicles can make it, but be sure to bring a shovel. Weather is unpredictable but often involves heavy rain. Crescent Lake is located in prairie pothole county and is well known for its shorebirds and migratory waterfowl. Grasshopper Sparrows and other plains birds are there. Will stay in reasonably priced motels in small towns but bring lunch for three days. Sunday morning breakfast may be at a convenience store. If you like a little adventure with your birding and don't like crowds, this will be a good trip.

### May 26, Sunday

South Platte Park Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0730 at the Carson Nature Center, ¼ block west of Mineral and Santa Fe. Half-day trip, lunch optional. There is a beautiful place in front of the Nature Center to eat. Should see warblers, orioles, ducks, cormorants, and swallows. This trip is wheelchair accessible. Bring water and dress for the weather.

### May 27, Monday

Parker Regional Park Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265. Meet leader at 0730 at park. From Main Street intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Road (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch and extra water.

## Magnificent!



This Magnificent Frigate was seen on August 26, 2001 at Standley Lake Park, in Jefferson County.

It was photographed by Andrew Spencer, our field trip reporting editor, who used a Canon EOS camera with a 200-400 mm zoom lens.

Send the Lark Bunting your favorite photo, and we'll do the best we can to reproduce it.

While on the subject of photographs, let us credit the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for their generous sharing of their photograph of Dr. Robert Neidrach featured in last month's issue celebrating DFO's earlier years.

Without organizations like the Museum, tracking the history of well-meaning but frequently over-faced volunteer organizations, we would be hard-pressed to tout our history, let alone prove evidence of it. Thanks also to our hardworking historian Warren I. Finch.



## Contributions and New Members

### Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Bater, 780 Lafayette St., Denver, CO 80218, 303-813-1095

Jeanne Howard, 29441 Rainbow Hill Rd., Golden, CO 80401-9708, 303-526-2826

Glenn and Laurie Walbek, 10880 Parker Vista Rd., Parker, CO 80138, 303-841-8251

### Contributions to our Educational Funds

Educational Endowment Fund: None this month

Rare Bird Alert: None this month



### Denver Field Ornithologists and Dundee Scotland Bird Clubs to Twin.

At their meeting on April 2nd, the DFO Board (pictured on the left) unanimously approved a proposal to form a twinning relationship with the Scottish Angus and Dundee Bird Club. Board members welcomed the opportunity to provide educational birding experiences for their memberships in both the Rocky Mountain Region and the east coast of Scotland, and to share dynamic birding information.

The Angus and Dundee Bird Club (ADBC) was formed in 1997. In three successful years the membership has grown to over 110 members. The Club organizes varied programs of outdoor and indoor meetings throughout the year. The indoor meetings are held in the Visitor Center at Montrose Basin. Members benefit from an optional telephone grapevine system which operates when rarer birds have been located. The Chairman is Bob McCurley, who can be contacted at 011.44 (01382) 462944, email: bob.mccurley@amserve.net. Bob and Veronica Holt, our newsletter editor and a Scot, are pictured on the right, shaking hands and exchanging club publications, at Veronica's cousins farm near Arbroath, Angus.



This is an abbreviated list of ADBC field trips:

**May 12th 2002 - Dunkeld Mill Dam** - Osprey, Wood Warbler

Leader - Toby Green. Crichton St. 8:45am, Dunkeld Car Park 10am.

**May 26th 2002 - Isle of May** - Puffin, Seabirds, Migrants.

Leader - Bob McCurley. Anstruther Harbour. Time tba.

**June 30th 2002 - Barry Buddon Nature Day**

Leader - Jim Cook. M.O.D. Centre. Time tba.

**August 25th 2002 - Sea Watch (4 Hour)** - Skuas / Shearwaters

Leader - Gordon Addison. Mains of Usan. 10am.

For more information about the Dundee and Angus Bird Club, visit their web site at <http://angusbirding.homestead.com/ADBC.html>



## Field Trip Summaries for March 2002

**February 24, Sunday**

Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

**March 2, Saturday (PUE)**

**Pueblo Area**

**Leader(s):** Dave Silverman. **Observers:** Dave Johnson, Ric Olson, Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival. **Time:** 0900-1630. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, evergreens, riparian; elev. 4700'. **Weather:** Clear; wind variable, 5-15 mph; temp. 12-24 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 2702 Individuals.

**March 3, Sunday (BCO)**

**Boulder County**

**Leader(s):** Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Connie Doletal, Chris Melain. **Time:** 0915-1745. **Distance:** 96 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Many. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 22 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 772 Individuals.

**March 9, Saturday (CCK)**

**Cherry Creek State Park**

**Leader(s):** Mary Burger. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, Prairie dog town; elev. 5200'. **Weather:** Clear; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 18-25 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 611 Individuals.

**March 10, Sunday (NWL)**

**Northwest Denver Lakes**

**Leader(s):** Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Carol and Scott Beackard, Barbara and Les Brown, Cheryl and Keith Chamberlain, John Flavin, Daniella Heck Garret, Beverlee Guild, Tina Jones, David Laliberte, Diana and Don Mullineaux, Bob Rohwedder, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Taiertl. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 45-55 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 804 Individuals.

**March 16, Saturday (CAN)**

**Canon City Area**

**Leader(s):** David Pantle. **Observers:** Leon Bright, Karen Crouse, Lee and Donna Emmons, Daniela Heck-Garret, Mona Reed, Bob Rohwedder, Bob Spencer, Barbara Thomas, Jim, Irene and Lisa Thompson, Claire and Mike van der Linde, Ru and Bob Wing, Sonny Zimmerman. **Time:** 0900-1500. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, residential, lake; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind SW, 5 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 48 Species, 539 Individuals.

**March 17, Sunday (NEC)**

**Northeast Colorado**

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1800. **Distance:** 226 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian and plains, cultivated fields; elev. 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 10-25 mph; temp. 38-48 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 9979 Individuals.

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**Field Trip Summaries for March 2002, continued**

**March 23, Saturday (WRG)**

***Wheat Ridge Greenbelt***

Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting.

**March 24, Sunday (CHA)**

***Chatfield State Park***

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Charles Lawrence. **Time:** 0700-1345.

**Distance:** 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, prairie; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind N, 0-10 mph; temp. 30-35 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 959 Individuals.

**March 30, Saturday (BAR)**

***Barr Lake State Park***

**Leader(s):** Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Deanna Beaudoin, Les and Barb Brown, Gail Evans, John Flavin, Bob Hutchinson, Sig Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mary Stallings, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, shoreline; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Partly to mostly cloudy; wind variable, 0-15 mph; temp. 35-55 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 828 Individuals.

**Tuesday Birders**

**March 5, Tuesday (BEL)**

***Belmar City Park & Crown Hill***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir & ponds (mostly frozen), deciduous & evergreen trees, city park, open fields; elev. 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 20-25 mph; temp. 42-57 °F. **Totals:** 20 Species, 467 Individuals.

**March 12, Tuesday (BCG)**

***Bear Creek Greenbelt (Old Stone House) Estes & Yale***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow, grassy meadows; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 48-62 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 428 Individuals.

**March 19, Tuesday (SPP)**

***South Platte Park***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail; elev. 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy; wind NW, 0-7 mph; temp. 35-44 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 348 Individuals.

**March 26, Tuesday (WRG)**

***Wheat Ridge Greenbelt***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900 to 1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 44-56 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 583 Individuals.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 2<br>PUE        | 3<br>BCO | 9<br>CCK | 10<br>NWL | 16<br>CAN | 17<br>NEC | 24<br>CHA | 30<br>BAR | 5<br>BEL        | 12<br>BCG | 19<br>SPP | 26<br>WRG |       |
| Common Loon                 | 5               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 14              |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |                 |           | 3         | 2         | 21    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         | 6         | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Eared Grebe                 | 4               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Western Grebe               | 25              |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 25    |
| American White Pelican      |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 |          |          |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Great Blue Heron            | 2               | 1        |          | 1         | 3         | 5         | 2         | 12        |                 |           | 1         | 4         | 31    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   | 1               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Greater White-fronted Goose |                 |          |          |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Snow Goose                  |                 |          |          |           | 1         | 1050      |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1051  |
| "White morph"               |                 |          |          |           | (1)       | (2)       |           |           |                 |           |           |           |       |
| "Blue morph"                |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |       |
| Ross's Goose                |                 |          |          |           |           | 10        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Canada Goose                | 60              | 264      | 180      | 145       | 80        | 5650      | 80        | 11        | 110             | 105       | 65        | 90        | 6840  |
| Wood Duck                   | 5               |          |          |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 8     |
| Gadwall                     | 65              | 11       | 10       | 12        | 20        | 20        | 70        | 11        |                 | 2         | 5         | 48        | 274   |
| American Wigeon             | 159             | 19       |          | 4         | 20        | 10        | 8         | 3         |                 | 1         |           | 20        | 244   |
| Mallard                     | 75              | 24       | 6        | 50        | 30        | 85        | 30        | 12        | 21              | 100       | 17        | 35        | 485   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 | 1        |          |           | 3         | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 6     |
| Northern Shoveler           | 1               |          |          | 71        | 10        | 25        | 36        | 306       | 86              | 2         | 3         | 17        | 557   |
| Northern Pintail            | 406             |          | 2        |           | 2         | 160       | 17        | 4         |                 |           |           |           | 591   |
| Green-winged Teal           | 105             | 2        | 80       | 4         | 20        | 45        | 10        | 6         | 15              | 2         | 2         | 11        | 302   |
| Canvasback                  | 4               |          |          | 4         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 2         | 10    |
| Redhead                     | 58              | 175      |          | 30        | 30        | 460       | 360       | 43        |                 |           | 36        | 5         | 1187  |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 14              | 8        |          | 14        |           |           | 15        | 2         |                 |           | 3         | 1         | 57    |
| Lesser Scaup                | 103             |          |          | 19        | 10        | 400       | 8         | 24        | 1               |           | 4         | 36        | 605   |
| Bufflehead                  | 45              |          |          | 7         | 2         | 15        |           | 9         |                 |           | 13        | 7         | 98    |
| Common Goldeneye            | 39              | 2        | 3        | 20        |           | 260       | 60        | 6         | 3               | 5         | 4         | 12        | 414   |
| Hooded Merganser            | 45              |          |          | 6         | 3         |           |           |           |                 | 1         | 3         |           | 58    |
| Common Merganser            | 400             | 4        | 135      | 6         |           | 1         | 4         | 1         |                 |           | 13        |           | 564   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      | 16              |          |          | 11        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 27    |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 |          |          |           |           | 26        |           | 150       |                 |           |           |           | 176   |
| Bald Eagle                  | 15              | 11       | 6        | 1         |           | 10        | 2         | 2         |                 |           | 1         |           | 48    |
| Northern Harrier            |                 | 1        |          | 1         |           | 11        |           | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 15    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           | 2         | 1         | 4     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 4               | 35       | 5        | 3         | 2         | 8         | 6         | 2         | 2               | 3         | 3         |           | 73    |
| western races               |                 |          |          |           |           |           | (6)       |           |                 |           |           |           | (6)   |

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| Ferruginous Hawk              |                 | 8        |          |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Rough-legged Hawk             |                 | 4        |          |           |           | 6         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| buteo sp.                     |                 | 4        |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Golden Eagle                  |                 | 8        |          |           |           | 6         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 14    |
| American Kestrel              |                 | 17       |          | 5         | 3         | 12        | 2         | 3         | 4               | 1         | 1         |           | 48    |
| Peregrine Falcon              |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon                |                 | 2        |          |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant          |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Scaled Quail                  | 40              |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 40    |
| Virginia Rail                 |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 4         | 4     |
| American Coot                 | 80              |          | 3        | 20        | 50        | 10        | 18        | 18        |                 | 1         | 42        | 85        | 327   |
| Killdeer                      | 2               |          |          |           | 1         | 8         |           | 2         |                 |           | 2         | 1         | 14    |
| Greater Yellowlegs            |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Common Snipe                  |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 1     |
| Franklin's Gull               |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 3         |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Ring-billed Gull              | 400             | 8        | 45       | 155       |           | 300       | 20        | 14        | 65              | 1         | 7         | 64        | 1079  |
| California Gull               | 2               |          | 9        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 11    |
| Herring Gull                  | 3               |          | 1        |           |           | 1         | 5         | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 11    |
| Rock Dove                     | 35              | 18       |          | 50        | 50        | 50        | 1         | 7         | 4               | 6         | 2         | 8         | 231   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove        | 4               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Mourning Dove                 | 6               |          | 1        |           | 10        |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           | 2         | 20    |
| Great Horned Owl              |                 | 1        |          |           |           | 5         |           | 2         |                 |           | 1         |           | 9     |
| Belted Kingfisher             |                 | 1        |          | 1         |           | 1         | 2         |           |                 | 3         | 6         | 2         | 16    |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker      | 1               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Downy Woodpecker              | 1               |          |          | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 3         |                 | 4         | 1         | 8         | 23    |
| "Rocky Mountain" race         |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | (3)       |                 |           |           |           | (3)   |
| Northern Flicker              | 6               | 5        | 6        | 10        | 2         | 4         | 14        | 2         | 12              | 26        | 6         | 16        | 109   |
| "Red-shafted" race            | (6)             | (5)      | (6)      | (10)      | (2)       | (4)       | (14)      | (2)       | (12)            |           |           |           | (61)  |
| Northern Shrike               |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Steller's Jay                 |                 | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Blue Jay                      | 5               | 1        |          |           | 6         | 7         |           | 1         |                 | 4         |           | 3         | 27    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 36              |          | 20       | 23        | 5         | 50        | 29        | 17        | 35              | 13        | 11        | 8         | 247   |
| American Crow                 | 14              |          | 36       | 17        | 2         | 6         | 7         | 6         | 1               | 10        | 10        | 14        | 123   |
| Common Raven                  |                 | 9        |          |           | 2         |           | 4         |           |                 |           |           |           | 15    |
| Horned Lark                   | 21              |          |          |           |           | 20        | 3         | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 45    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 1               | 3        | 13       | 4         | 6         | 7         | 18        | 12        |                 | 12        | 6         | 28        | 110   |
| Bushtit                       | 6               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 |          | 2        | 2         |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           | 4         | 10    |
| Brown Creeper                 | 2               |          |          | 1         | 2         |           | 1         | 1         |                 | 2         |           | 6         | 15    |
| Rock Wren                     |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Canyon Wren                   |                 |          |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Bewick's Wren                 | 1               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           | 2         | 3     |

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| Mountain Bluebird                                                             |                 |            |                  |            | 1          |             | 8          |            |                 |            |            |            | 9                          |
| Townsend's Solitaire                                                          |                 | 1          |                  | 2          | 1          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 4                          |
| American Robin                                                                | 6               | 1          | 2                | 6          | 30         | 75          | 35         | 9          | 1               | 13         | 6          | 8          | 182                        |
| Sage Thrasher                                                                 |                 |            |                  |            |            |             | 3          | 1          |                 |            |            |            | 4                          |
| Curve-billed Thrasher                                                         | 2               |            |                  |            | 2          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 4                          |
| European Starling                                                             | 85              | 49         | 2                | 35         | 20         | 500         | 15         | 9          | 50              | 40         | 40         | 5          | 850                        |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>"Myrtle" race                                        | 2<br>(1)        | 1          |                  |            |            | 2           |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 5<br>(1)                   |
| Canyon Towhee                                                                 | 9               |            |                  |            | 4          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 13                         |
| Rufous-crowned Sparrow                                                        |                 |            |                  |            | 2          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 2                          |
| American Tree Sparrow                                                         |                 |            | 6                |            |            | 7           |            | 5          |                 |            | 1          |            | 19                         |
| Song Sparrow                                                                  | 5               | 1          | 1                | 3          | 4          | 2           | 10         | 11         | 4               | 9          | 2          | 5          | 57                         |
| White-crowned Sparrow<br>"Gambel's" race                                      | 165             |            |                  |            | 10<br>(10) | 4           |            | 3          |                 |            |            |            | 182<br>(10)                |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>"Slate-colored" race<br>"Oregon" race<br>"Pink-sided" race | 35              | 3          | 18<br>(9)<br>(9) | 1<br>(1)   | 20<br>(20) | 40<br>(40)  | 4<br>(4)   | 31         |                 |            |            | 6          | 158<br>(1)<br>(53)<br>(29) |
| Red-winged Blackbird                                                          | 28              | 43         | 15               | 50         | 30         | 475         | 20         | 36         | 45              | 25         | 22         | 6          | 795                        |
| Western Meadowlark                                                            | 3               | 5          | 2                |            | 1          | 37          | 23         | 6          | 1               |            |            |            | 78                         |
| Cassin's Finch                                                                |                 |            |                  |            | 1          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 1                          |
| House Finch                                                                   | 5               | 19         |                  | 6          | 8          | 5           | 2          |            | 1               | 9          |            |            | 55                         |
| Pine Siskin                                                                   |                 |            |                  |            | 6          |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 6                          |
| Lesser Goldfinch<br>"Black-backed" race                                       |                 |            |                  |            | 1<br>(1)   |             |            |            |                 |            |            |            | 1<br>(1)                   |
| American Goldfinch                                                            | 1               |            |                  |            | 4          | 12          |            | 8          |                 | 16         | 2          |            | 43                         |
| House Sparrow                                                                 | 20              |            | 2                | 3          | 15         | 60          |            | 6          | 6               | 8          | 2          | 6          | 128                        |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>                                                      | <b>2696</b>     | <b>767</b> | <b>605</b>       | <b>794</b> | <b>537</b> | <b>9975</b> | <b>945</b> | <b>826</b> | <b>455</b>      | <b>402</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>567</b> | <b>18911</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>                                                          | <b>58</b>       | <b>38</b>  | <b>27</b>        | <b>39</b>  | <b>48</b>  | <b>58</b>   | <b>44</b>  | <b>49</b>  | <b>20</b>       | <b>32</b>  | <b>36</b>  | <b>38</b>  | <b>99</b>                  |

### Observation Legend

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

### Additional Reports

| Species              | Date | Number seen | Location        | County   | Observers        |
|----------------------|------|-------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| Glaucous-winged Gull | 3/5  | 1 ist yr    | Cherry Creek SP | Arapahoe | Bob Brown, m.ob. |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type

A=adult, i=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage

According to compiler of the Additional Reports, Elna Cain, "I know there have been other exciting finds but have heard from no one else." Please help us compile accurate data, and be sure to send your reports to Elna at Elnacain13@aol.com. Thanks.



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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

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**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

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## DFO Field Trips for June 2002

### June 1, Saturday

#### *Raptor Nest Tour, (RAP)*

**Leaders:** Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Niwot Park-N-Ride. This will be a driving trip around Boulder County. We'll be looking at Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Red Tails, Swainsons and Kestrel nests. From I-25 take Exit #235 (CO Hwy 52 Dacono & Ft. Lupton) and go left (west) at the exit. Go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287. Turn right (North) on 287 and go 0.7 miles. Turn left (West) on Niwot Rd to Niwot Park-n-Ride. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

### June 2, Sunday

#### *Chatfield Reservoir and State Park, (CHA)*

**Leader:** Ira Sanders 303-278-7172

Meet leader at 0730 at swim beach just inside the west entrance of the park off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1-1/2 miles south of C470. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip. State Parks pass required.

### June 8, Saturday

#### *Pawnee Grasslands, Crow Valley & Lower Latham, (PAW)*

**Leader:** Dick Pratt 303-651-6860

Meet leader at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science for carpool. All day trip, so bring lunch and extra water.

### June 9, Sunday

#### *Bluff Lake, (BLU)*

**Leader:** David Laliberte 303-297-1390

Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science to carpool. This will be a 2-3 mile hike. Bring water and mosquito repellent for a 1/2-day trip.

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## News from Scotland (DFO's twin club)

Just returned from Cyprus on a birding holiday; had a great time and saw visible migration on a large scale.

Our club, the Angus & Dundee Bird Club, has been given the good news that we have been granted lottery funds to allow us to go ahead with our project of establishing a sea-watching hide at Lunan Bay—we will all be very proud to see the hide in place by late summer. This will be the first-ever sea-watching hide on the Angus coast.

**Bob McCurley, President**

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## DFO Field Trips for June 2002, continued

### **June 15 & 16, Saturday and Sunday**

#### ***Western Slope - Delta Area, (WES)***

**Leader:** Jackie King 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0900 at Confluence Park in Delta at US 50 & Gunnison River Drive. Will bird Escalante, Sweitzer & Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Trip will finish around 2PM Sunday. Gambel's Quail, Sage Thrashers, water birds & raptors! Bring lunches for 2 days and extra water. MUST call leader if going.

### **June 22, Saturday**

#### ***Rocky Mountain National Park, (ROC)***

**Leader:** Bob Righter 303-692-8529

Meet at 0615 to carpool from RTD Park-n-Ride on the northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd & W. 88th Ave next to the police station. Or meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitors Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. Bring lunch and extra water. US Park pass required.

### **June 23, Sunday**

#### ***Golden Gate Canyon State Park, (GOL)***

**Leader:** Karleen Schofield 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0600 at RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 44th & Union Blvd (south of W. 6th Ave). All day trip, 3-4 miles walking on narrow dirt trails; driving to Panorama Point at elevation of 9400'. Target birds: Virginia's Warbler, Red-naped Sapsucker, Dusky Flycatcher & Hermit Thrush. Bring lunch and extra water. State Parks pass required.

### **June 29, Saturday**

#### ***Hack Ranch & Georgia Pass, (HAC)***

**Leader:** Carol Hack 303-777-7893

Meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from Texaco station in Jefferson. All day trip, will walk 2-3 miles on moderate trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

### **June 30, Sunday**

#### ***Braille Trail & Genesee, (BRA)***

**Leader:** Doris Cruze 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0730 at RTD Park-n-Ride at US 285 & Wadsworth Blvd to carpool. Bring water and snacks for 1/2-day trip.

### **Advance Notice for July 5th & 6th Trip to North Park**

### **July 5 & 6, Friday and Saturday**

#### ***North Park to include Walden, Arapaho NWR & Colorado State Forest, (NOR)***

**Leader:** Bob Spencer 303-279-4682

Meet at 0900 on Friday July 5th at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Friday night in Walden at the North Park Motel 970-723-4271. You must make your own reservations and make them early! Camping is available in primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for 2 days. MUST call leader if going. State Parks pass required for Colorado State Forest.

**Scheduled by Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662 and compiled by Kim Sawyer**



## DFO Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck

**Sunday, August 25 at Castlewood Canyon State Park**

The DFO is proud of all of the volunteers that support our club and want to celebrate our good fortune, and thank each and every one for their generous sharing of precious time and energy.



We invite all DFO members to join us in hosting a pot luck lunch on August 25 at one of the Castlewood Canyon State Park picnic pavilions to honor all of the volunteers. The pot luck will start at 12:00 noon and will continue until we decide to leave. Soft drinks, along with paper plates/plasticware/napkins/cups, will be provided by the DFO. We hope to have a half-day field trip in the Canyon that morning, so we can bird and celebrate same day, same place! Castlewood Canyon web site is <http://parks.state.co.us/castlewood>. Watch the Lark Bunting field trips for specifics on the field trip.

To get to the Castlewood Canyon State Park (picnic pavilions), take Highway 83 south from Franktown. Go approximately five miles to the Park entrance. Turn right into the Park. Drive past the Visitor Center to the last parking area. The pavilions should be visible from there. State Parks pass required if you are planning to bird in the morning, or after lunch.

Please mark your calendars now to join us in honoring our volunteers, and please bring a favorite dish to share.

## Contributions and New Members

### Welcome New Members!

Joyce Bonilla, 4015 Kalamath Dr., Larkspur, CO 80118, 303-681-2311

Becky & Bill Eeds, 2541 Franklin Ave., Louisville, CO 80027-1247, 303-661-9857

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### Contributions to our Educational Funds

Educational Endowment Fund: Alfred Clebsch Memorial, Zane Spiegel

Rare Bird Alert: Andrew Spencer.

Thank you, we couldn't make these programs without your support.



## Field Trip Summaries for April 2002

### **March 23, Saturday, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, (WRG)**

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Sonja Hahn, Jean Howard, Bob Hutchinson, Leslie Lanting, Alberta Nelson, Sig Nelson, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside, ponds, cottonwoods; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind calm; temp. cool. **Totals:** 36 Species, 1826 Individuals.

### **April 6, Saturday, Wray Area and Prewitt Reservoir, (WRA)**

**Leader(s):** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Bob and Nancy Bierling, Glenn and Jeanne Hageman, Allen Hagood, Rich Mendez, Larry and Abby Modesitt, Kathy Nelson, Chris Owens, Toni Rautus, Glenn and Laurie Walbek, Bob and Ru Wing. **Time:** 0630 to 2200. **Distance:** 400 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, riparian, reservoir, fish hatchery, cultivated fields; elev. 3500-5000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind S, 2-15 mph; temp. 48-78 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 1315 Individuals.

### **April 6, Saturday, Two Ponds and Standley Lake, (TWO)**

**Leader(s):** Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Bob Deboer, Oveta Deboer, Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson, Judy Knoshaug, Ron Knoshaug, Marian Kyle, David Laliberte, Chuck Lowrie, Judith McNickle, Diane Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Lynn Shanks, Mary Stallings, Joann Vandell, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma, Helen Williams, Robin Wilson. **Time:** 0730 to 1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Wetlands, ponds, cottonwoods. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 40-70 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 271 Individuals.

### **April 7, Sunday, High Country Birding, including Guanella Pass, (HCB)**

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Bob Hutchinson, Charles Lawrence, Karleen Schofield, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0700 to 1445. **Distance:** 120 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Coniferous forests, alpine tundra; elev. 7800-11,700'. **Weather:** Partly to mostly cloudy; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 195 Individuals.

### **April 12-13, Friday-Saturday, Gunnison, South Park, and Canon City (GUN)**

**Leader(s):** Andrew Spencer. **Observers:** Bob and Nancy Bierling, Glenn and Jeanne Hageman, Hope Leighton, Nathan Pieplow, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Wayne and Laura Wathen, Dave Waltman. **Time:** 0430-1930. **Distance:** 560 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Sagebrush, reservoir, mudflats, meadows, riparian, coniferous forest, mountain pass.; elev. 5500-11,000'. **Weather:** Clear, clear; wind 0-15 mph; temp. 30-67 °F. **Totals:** 77 Species, 8643 Individuals.

### **April 13, Saturday, Longmont Area, (LON)**

**Leader(s):** Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 45 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** ponds, fields, riparian; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind E, 12 mph; temp. 60-75 °F. **Totals:** 61 Species, 1247 Individuals.

### **April 14, Sunday, Lochbuie, Milton, Kersey, (WHI)**

**Leader(s):** Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Dana LaVanture, Charlie Lawrence, Pat Ryan, Aron Sell, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1630. **Distance:** 68 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds and reservoirs; elev. 4500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 70 °F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 2117 Individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries for April 2002, continued

### **April 20-21, Saturday-Sunday Lake McConaughy, (LAM)**

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800 to 1630 both days. **Distance:** 580 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains; elev. 4100'. **Weather:** Rain and snow Sat., Partly cloudy Sun.; wind NE, 25-35 mph; temp. 34-48 °F. **Totals:** 68 Species, 2859 Individuals.

### **April 20, Saturday, Chatfield State Park, (CHA)**

**Leader(s):** Jeff Herzog. **Observers:** Susan Gaarder, Warren Finch, Bob Hutchinson, Marcia Milliken, Colleen Nunn. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, mudflats, grasslands; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind calm; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 76 Species, 1056 Individuals.

### **April 21, Sunday, Chatfield State Park, (SPP)**

**Leader(s):** Dee Gielissen. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins, David Laliberte, Kathy Nelson, Dorothy Sutherlin, Mary Stallings, Jean Tarbel. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie, wetlands; elev. 5200'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny; wind W, 0-35 mph; temp. 40-50 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 246 Individuals.

**April 27, Saturday, Lyons area, Data to be included in next Lark Bunting.**

### **April 28, Sunday, Cherry Creek State Park, (CCK)**

**Leader(s):** Beverlee Guild. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Jennifer Bates, Mary Stallings, Diana J. Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie, wetlands, reservoir; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind slight breeze; temp. 40-70 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 806 Individuals.

### **Tuesday Birders**

#### **April 9, Tuesday, Red Rocks & Morrison Parks, (RRO)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, shrubland, riparian, city park; elev. 5800-6369'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SW, 0-7 mph; temp. 56-72 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 82 Individuals.

#### **April 16, Tuesday, Chatfield Nature Preserve, (CNP)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pond, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper & open fields; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-16 mph; temp. 63-71 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 162 Individuals.

#### **April 23, Tuesday, Lookout Mtn Nature Center & Genesee Mtn Park, (LMN)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Carol English. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900 to 1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa forests & open hillsides; elev. 7400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind W, 25 mph; temp. 58-62 °F. **Totals:** 18 Species, 42 Individuals.

#### **April 30, Tuesday, Ken-Caryl Ranch, (KCR)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** willow, cattails, cottonwood; elev. 6100'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind W, 0-3 mph; temp. 57-72 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 190 Individuals.

**Monna Krebs (Compiler)**

# Field Trip Summary Table, April 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION      | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     |     |     |          |     |     |       |     |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     | TOTAL     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
|                                  | 23-Mar          | 6   | 6   | 7   | 12-13    | 13  | 14  | 20-21 | 20  | 21  | 28  | 9               | 16  | 23  | 30  |           |
|                                  | WRA             | WRA | TWO | HCB | GUN      | LON | LOC | LAM   | CHA | SPP | CCK | RRO             | CNP | LMN | KCR |           |
| Pied-billed Grebe                | 3               | 1   | 1   |     | 1        | 1   | 1   |       |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 9         |
| Horned Grebe                     |                 |     | 1   |     |          | 3   | 1   |       | 1   | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 7         |
| Eared Grebe                      |                 | 1   |     |     | 35       |     |     |       | 12  | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 49        |
| Western Grebe                    |                 |     |     |     | 30       | 20  | 42  | 165   | 50  | 20  | 300 |                 |     |     |     | 627       |
| Clark's Grebe                    |                 |     |     |     | 1        | 7   |     | 6     | 1   |     | 5   |                 |     |     |     | 20        |
| American White Pelican           |                 | 48  |     |     | 175      | 22  | 25  | 177   |     |     | 7   |                 |     |     |     | 454       |
| Double-crested Cormorant         |                 | 5   | 4   |     | 60       | 33  | 6   | 60    | 16  | 4   | 27  |                 | 1   |     |     | 216       |
| Great Blue Heron                 | 4               | 11  | 1   |     | 4        | 68  | 2   | 9     | 14  | 2   | 4   |                 | 4   |     | 1   | 124       |
| Great Egret                      |                 |     |     |     |          | 9   |     |       | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 10        |
| Snowy Egret                      |                 |     |     |     |          |     |     |       | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2         |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron        | 3               |     | 7   |     |          |     |     |       |     | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 13        |
| White-faced Ibis                 |                 |     |     |     | 76       | 1   |     |       | 50  |     | 15  |                 |     |     |     | 142       |
| Turkey Vulture                   |                 | 4   |     |     | 2        |     |     | 41    | 6   |     |     | 1               |     |     | 5   | 59        |
| Snow Goose<br>"White morph"      |                 |     |     |     | 1<br>(1) |     |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1<br>1    |
| Ross's Goose                     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1        |     |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2         |
| Canada Goose                     | 621             | 27  | 38  |     | 297      | 250 | 13  | 17    | 18  | 10  | 45  |                 | 2   |     |     | 1338      |
| Trumpeter Swan                   |                 |     |     |     | 1        |     |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1         |
| Wood Duck                        |                 |     |     |     |          |     |     |       | 7   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7         |
| Gadwall                          | 10              | 66  | 30  |     | 614      | 11  | 105 | 14    | 45  | 8   | 6   |                 |     |     |     | 909       |
| American Wigeon                  | 27              | 64  | 2   |     | 604      |     | 7   | 2     | 2   | 6   |     |                 |     |     |     | 714       |
| Mallard                          | 240             | 19  | 39  |     | 492      | 40  | 10  | 23    | 30  | 10  | 26  |                 | 6   |     | 6   | 941       |
| Blue-winged Teal                 |                 | 6   |     |     | 1        |     | 2   | 35    | 20  | 14  | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 80        |
| Cinnamon Teal                    |                 | 14  |     |     | 11       | 2   | 12  | 5     | 13  | 10  |     |                 |     |     |     | 67        |
| Northern Shoveler                | 12              | 34  |     |     | 300      | 51  | 205 | 8     | 55  | 30  |     |                 |     |     |     | 695       |
| Northern Pintail                 |                 | 9   |     |     | 23       |     | 10  | 2     | 4   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 48        |
| Green-winged Teal                | 2               | 61  |     |     | 320      | 21  | 23  | 13    |     | 7   | 35  |                 |     |     |     | 482       |
| Canvasback                       | 2               |     |     |     | 31       |     | 1   |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 34        |
| Redhead                          | 6               | 35  | 2   |     | 190      | 7   | 9   | 5     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 254       |
| Ring-necked Duck                 | 30              | 14  | 4   |     | 250      | 54  | 4   |       | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 359       |
| Lesser Scaup                     | 35              | 19  |     |     | 1830     | 57  | 300 | 8     | 20  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2269      |
| Bufflehead                       | 2               | 2   |     |     | 582      | 22  | 4   | 7     | 30  | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 652       |
| Common Goldeneye                 | 6               |     |     |     | 89       | 10  | 4   | 1     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 110       |
| Barrow's Goldeneye               |                 |     |     |     | 9        | 1   |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 10        |
| Hooded Merganser                 |                 |     | 2   |     |          | 4   |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 6         |
| Common Merganser                 | 4               | 4   | 12  |     | 27       | 26  | 2   |       | 10  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 85        |
| Red-breasted Merganser           | 2               |     | 2   |     | 10       |     |     |       | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 17        |
| Ruddy Duck                       |                 |     |     |     | 100      | 1   | 10  |       | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 114       |
| Osprey                           |                 |     |     |     |          | 2   |     | 2     | 5   | 1   | 2   |                 | 1   |     |     | 13        |
| Bald Eagle                       |                 | 1   | 2   |     |          |     | 3   |       |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     | 7         |
| Northern Harrier                 |                 | 4   |     |     | 1        | 1   | 4   | 7     | 2   |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 20        |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk               |                 | 1   |     |     |          |     |     |       | 2   |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 4         |
| Cooper's Hawk                    |                 |     |     |     |          |     |     |       | 3   |     |     | 1               |     | 1   | 1   | 6         |
| Swainson's Hawk                  |                 | 1   |     |     | 3        | 1   | 8   | 29    |     |     | 2   |                 | 2   |     |     | 46        |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>western races | 1               | 2   | 4   |     | 4        | 8   | 10  | 15    | 3   | 2   | 5   | 7               | 1   | 3   | 3   | 70<br>(2) |
| Ferruginous Hawk                 |                 |     |     |     |          |     | 1   |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1         |
| Rough-legged Hawk                |                 |     |     |     |          |     | 2   |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2         |
| buteo sp.                        |                 | 6   |     |     |          | 1   |     |       |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7         |
| Golden Eagle                     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1        | 2   |     | 1     | 1   |     |     | 1               |     |     | 1   | 8         |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|-------------------|------------|----------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
|                                                                 | 23-Mar          | 6                 | 6   | 7        | 12-13    | 13  | 14  | 20-21             | 20         | 21       | 28  | 9               | 16  | 23  | 30  |                    |
|                                                                 | WRA             | WRA               | TWO | HCB      | GUN      | LON | LOC | LAM               | CHA        | SPP      | CCK | RRO             | CNP | LMN | KCR |                    |
| American Kestrel                                                | 1               | 2                 | 2   |          | 2        | 5   | 20  | 21                | 15         | 2        |     | 2               | 2   |     | 1   | 75                 |
| Merlin                                                          |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   | 1          | 1        |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   | 1          |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 1                  |
| Prairie Falcon                                                  |                 |                   |     | 1        | 1        |     | 1   | 3                 |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 6                  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant                                            |                 | 2                 |     |          |          | 2   | 1   | 3                 |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 8                  |
| Gunnison Sage-Grouse                                            |                 |                   |     |          | 18       |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 18                 |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan                                          |                 |                   |     | 1        |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 1                  |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken                                         |                 | 31                |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 31                 |
| Wild Turkey                                                     |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     | 2                 |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| Virginia Rail                                                   |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| American Coot                                                   | 147             | 45                | 30  |          | 1800     | 37  | 20  | 2                 | 100        | 8        | 35  |                 |     |     |     | 2224               |
| Sandhill Crane                                                  |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     | 3                 |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 3                  |
| Semipalmated Plover                                             |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   | 2          |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| Killdeer                                                        |                 | 8                 | 3   |          | 4        | 8   | 7   | 27                | 4          | 3        | 5   |                 | 4   |     |     | 73                 |
| Black-necked Stilt                                              |                 |                   |     |          | 1        | 1   |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| American Avocet                                                 |                 |                   |     |          | 2        | 4   |     | 6                 | 6          | 4        |     |                 |     |     |     | 22                 |
| Greater Yellowlegs                                              |                 | 2                 |     |          |          | 3   | 4   |                   | 3          |          | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 15                 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs                                               |                 |                   |     |          |          |     | 10  |                   |            |          |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 11                 |
| Spotted Sandpiper                                               |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   | 1          | 2        | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 4                  |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper                                          |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     | 28                |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 28                 |
| Western Sandpiper                                               |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| Baird's Sandpiper                                               |                 |                   |     |          |          |     | 2   | 16                |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 18                 |
| Common Shrike                                                   |                 |                   |     |          | 2        |     | 2   |                   | 7          |          | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 12                 |
| Franklin's Gull                                                 |                 |                   |     |          | 6        | 20  | 15  | 20                | 8          | 2        |     |                 |     |     |     | 71                 |
| Bonaparte's Gull                                                |                 |                   |     |          | 60       |     | 3   | 3                 |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 66                 |
| Pink-billed Gull                                                | 125             | 120               | 4   |          | 75       | 41  | 20  | 4                 | 2          |          | 55  |                 |     |     |     | 446                |
| California Gull                                                 |                 |                   | 1   |          | 136      | 5   | 3   |                   | 2          |          | 30  |                 |     |     |     | 177                |
| Herring Gull                                                    |                 |                   |     |          |          | 6   |     | 10                |            |          | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 17                 |
| Rock Dove                                                       | 15              | 32                | 4   | 6        |          | 32  | 20  | 47                | 1          |          |     |                 | 19  |     | 6   | 182                |
| Mourning Dove                                                   |                 | 8                 | 2   |          |          | 3   | 3   | 60                | 13         | 2        | 10  |                 |     |     |     | 101                |
| Great Horned Owl                                                |                 |                   | 2   |          |          |     | 4   |                   | 2          |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 8                  |
| Burrowing Owl                                                   |                 |                   |     |          |          |     | 9   |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 9                  |
| White-throated Swift                                            |                 |                   |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     | 16              | 30  |     |     | 46                 |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird                                        |                 |                   |     |          | 1        |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 2                  |
| Belted Kingfisher                                               | 2               | 2                 | 1   |          | 1        | 1   | 1   | 2                 | 4          |          |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 15                 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker                                          |                 | 2                 |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |
| Williamson's Sapsucker                                          |                 |                   |     | 3        |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 3                  |
| Downy Woodpecker<br>"eastern" race                              | 3               | 1                 | 3   |          |          |     |     | 2<br>(2)          | 3          |          | 3   | 1               | 4   | 1   | 1   | 22<br>(2)          |
| Northern Flicker<br>"Yellow-shafted" race<br>"Red-shafted" race | 12              | 13<br>(2)<br>(11) | 4   | 5<br>(5) | 1<br>(1) | 4   | 1   | 25<br>(2)<br>(23) | 10<br>(10) | 7<br>(7) | 10  | 1               | 4   | 5   | 3   | 105<br>(4)<br>(57) |
| Eastern Phoebe                                                  |                 | 2                 |     |          |          |     |     |                   |            |          |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                  |

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| Say's Phoebe                  |                 | 2   |     |      | 1     | 1   |     | 2     | 2   |      |     | 1               |     |     | 1   | 10    |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 | 1   |     |      |       |     |     |       | 4   |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Northern Shrike               |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     | 2     |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Steller's Jay                 |                 |     |     | 7    | 1     |     |     |       |     |      |     | 1               |     | 4   |     | 13    |
| Blue Jay                      |                 | 2   | 2   |      |       |     | 2   | 3     |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 9     |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       | 2   |      |     | 5               |     |     | 4   | 11    |
| Pinyon Jay                    |                 |     |     |      | 92    |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 92    |
| Clark's Nutcracker            |                 |     |     |      | 4     |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 26              | 9   | 22  | 1    | 30    | 8   | 15  | 10    | 60  | 9    | 27  | 11              | 4   | 1   | 1   | 234   |
| American Crow                 | 36              | 6   | 3   | 15   | 20    | 7   | 10  | 10    | 6   | 1    | 1   | 5               | 4   | 3   | 6   | 133   |
| Common Raven                  |                 |     |     | 2    | 4     |     |     |       | 1   |      |     | 4               |     |     | 2   | 13    |
| Horned Lark                   |                 | 19  |     |      | 2     |     | 4   | 27    | 30  |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 82    |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 2   |     |      | 1     |     | 2   |       | 50  | 1    |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 57    |
| Violet-green Swallow          |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       | 100 | 5    |     |                 |     |     | 3   | 108   |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       | 10  |      |     |                 |     |     | 1   | 11    |
| Cliff Swallow                 |                 |     |     |      |       |     | 4   | 2     |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 6     |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 |     |     |      | 1     | 1   | 1   | 6     |     | 1    | 1   |                 |     |     | 1   | 12    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 6               | 2   | 3   |      |       | 3   |     | 2     | 12  | 1    | 2   | 1               | 4   | 1   | 4   | 41    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |                 |     |     | 20   |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     | 6   |     | 26    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |                 |     |     | 2    |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       | 5               |     |     | 4    |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 | 4   | 2   |     | 15    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 |     |     | 10   |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     | 10  |     | 20    |
| Brown Creeper                 | 3               |     | 1   |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Rock Wren                     |                 |     |     |      | 1     |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Canyon Wren                   |                 |     |     |      | 1     |     |     |       |     |      |     | 1               |     |     |     | 2     |
| House Wren                    |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     | 1   | 1     |
| Marsh Wren                    |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     | 1   | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       | 1   |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Bluebird              |                 |     |     | 6    |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 6     |
| Mountain Bluebird             |                 |     |     | 5    | 6     |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     | 2   |     | 13    |
| Townsend's Solitaire          |                 | 3   |     | 3    | 2     |     |     |       |     |      |     | 1               |     |     |     | 9     |
| American Robin                | 70              | 66  | 4   | 5    | 14    | 37  | 5   | 63    | 38  | 11   | 35  | 6               | 12  | 1   | 13  | 380   |
| Northern Mockingbird          |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       | 2   |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| European Starling             | 250             | 57  | 6   |      | 30    | 15  | 15  | 600   | 16  | 11   | 20  |                 | 16  |     | 4   | 1040  |
| Orange-crowned Warbler        |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 2     |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler         |                 |     |     |      | 1     |     |     | 1     | 3   | 12   |     |                 | 3   |     | 15  | 35    |
| "Myrtle" race                 |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     | (2)  |     |                 |     |     | (8) | (10)  |
| "Audubon's" race              |                 |     |     |      | (1)   |     |     |       |     | (10) |     |                 |     |     | (7) | (18)  |
| Spotted Towhee                |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     | 1     | 1   |      |     | 2               |     |     | 2   | 6     |
| Chipping Sparrow              |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Vesper Sparrow                |                 |     |     |      |       |     |     | 1     | 2   |      |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Song Sparrow                  | 4               | 8   | 5   |      | 1     | 9   | 4   |       | 3   | 9    | 2   |                 | 2   |     | 4   | 51    |
| White-crowned Sparrow         |                 | 2   |     |      | 4     | 1   | 2   | 18    | 15  |      |     | 2               | 2   |     |     | 46    |
| Dark-eyed Junco               | 36              | 6   |     | 21   | 10    | 2   |     |       |     |      |     | 6               |     | 3   |     | 84    |
| "Oregon" race                 | (16)            |     |     | (6)  |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | (22)  |
| "Pink-sided" race             | (20)            |     |     |      |       |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | (20)  |
| "Gray-headed" race            |                 |     |     | (15) | (10)  |     |     |       |     |      |     |                 |     |     |     | (25)  |
| Red-winged Blackbird          | 45              | 280 | 7   |      | 39    | 68  | 500 | 752   | 30  | 14   | 35  |                 | 4   |     | 41  | 1815  |

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|-------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| Eastern Meadowlark      |      |      |     |     |      |      | 2    |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     | 2  |       |
| Western Meadowlark      |      | 64   | 2   |     | 5    | 23   | 25   | 90   | 35   | 4   | 19  |    | 5   | 16 |     | 6  | 283   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird |      | 18   |     |     |      | 40   | 500  | 65   | 1    |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 624   |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |      |      |     |     | 15   |      | 6    |      |      |     | 14  |    |     |    |     |    | 35    |
| Common Grackle          |      | 18   | 1   |     | 4    | 53   | 5    | 220  | 9    | 3   |     |    |     |    |     | 19 | 332   |
| Great-tailed Grackle    |      |      |     |     |      |      | 15   | 2    |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 17    |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    |      | 2    |     |     |      |      |      | 2    |      |     |     |    |     |    |     | 4  | 8     |
| Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch |      |      |     | 4   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 4     |
| Black Rosy-Finch        |      |      |     | 6   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 6     |
| Brown-capped Rosy-Finch |      |      |     | 50  |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 50    |
| Pine Grosbeak           |      |      |     | 5   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 5     |
| Cassin's Finch          |      |      |     | 3   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 3     |
| House Finch             |      | 8    | 4   | 6   | 42   | 1    | 10   | 13   | 5    |     |     |    |     | 1  | 1   | 8  | 99    |
| Pine Siskin             |      |      |     | 2   | 1    |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     |    | 3     |
| Lesser Goldfinch        |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |     | 2  | 2     |
| American Goldfinch      |      | 2    | 2   |     |      | 3    |      | 22   | 1    |     | 10  |    | 1   |    |     | 9  | 50    |
| House Sparrow           | 30   | 7    | 2   |     | 25   | 67   | 20   | 17   |      | 1   |     |    |     | 10 |     | 11 | 190   |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS       | 1814 | 1302 | 267 | 190 | 8642 | 1243 | 2116 | 2834 | 1046 | 239 | 796 | 82 | 162 | 42 | 190 |    | 20965 |
| TOTAL SPECIES           | 36   | 63   | 41  | 26  | 77   | 61   | 67   | 68   | 76   | 40  | 40  | 24 | 30  | 18 | 35  |    | 148   |

### Additional Reports

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|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Broad-winged Hawk    | 4/20     | 1a          | Chatfield State Park | Douglas  | Joey Kellner          |
| Peregrine Falcon     | 4/20     | 1a          | Chatfield State Park | Douglas  | Joey Kellner          |
| Peregrine Falcon     | 4/21     | 1           | Barr Lake State Park | Adams    | Bob and Lea Ann Brown |
| Whimbrel             | 4/25     | 1           | Cherry Creek SP      | Arapahoe | Bob Brown             |
| Glaucous-winged Gull | 4/4-4/22 | 1 1st yr    | Cherry Creek SP      | Arapahoe | Bob Brown             |
| Bullock's Oriole     | 4/21     | early 1am   | Chatfield State Park | Douglas  | Joey Kellner          |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in **bold** type

A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage

### DFO Big Bend Birding trip April 20-26



Participants: Marlene Andrews, Jean Morgan, Ric Olson, Dick Pratt, Paul Slingsby, Allan Wolfchuck

Leaders: Bob Righter and Dave Rhoades

Highlights: Cresting a ridge of the 8000' Chisos Mts in Big Bend National Park, Marlene quietly pointed to the top of an Emory oak, alerting us to the Colima Warbler. At 8:19am on 26 April in the Davis Mountains, we all had knee-quivering looks at a pair of Montezuma Quail contentedly feeding no more than 30 feet away.

Dear Editor:

My wife Abby and I were in Ramsey Canyon birding when we ran into an old DFO member, Dieter Kamm, who is now living in Sierra Vista. He was volunteering at the Ramsey Canyon Nature Conservancy. We were fortunate that he happened to come outside and notice that a western tanager female was in fact a flame colored tanager. There currently is a flame colored tanager male in Miller Canyon. He stressed that other DFOers in the area should call at 520.452.8811 or send e-mail (aliciakamm@hotmail.com). He knows birds!

**Larry Modesitt**



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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

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**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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## DFO Field Trips for July 2002

**July 5 and 6, Friday and Saturday (NOR)**

**North Park, to include Walden, Arapahoe NWR, and Colorado State Forest**

**Leader:** Bob Spencer (303-279-4682)

Must call leader if going. Meet leader at 0900 on Friday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Friday night in Walden at North Park Motel (970-723-4271). You must make your own reservation and make it early! Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for two days. State Parks pass required for Colorado State Forest.

**July 6, Saturday (GRE)**

**Gregory Canyon-Boulder area**

**Leader:** Gregg Goodrich (303-655-9135)

Meet at 0730 at north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder laboratories (325 Broadway). From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Road to light at 27<sup>th</sup> way and turn left. Continue to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds. Parking lot is on right. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Special stop at bobolink area.

**July 7, Sunday (DEE)**

**Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Park**

**Leader:** J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0700 at South Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Road (first light south of C-470 on Wadsworth). Bring lunch and water; trip will end mid afternoon. Should tally more than 50 species.

**July 13, Saturday (LOB)**

**Lair o' the Bear and Mt. Falcon**

**Leader:** Norm Lewis (303-988-5544)

Meet at 0700 at Lair o' the Bear parking lot. Half-day trip, but may be extended, weather permitting. Lunch optional (depending on how hungry you might be!)

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**The Calliope (*Stellula calliope*)** - the smallest hummingbird in the US. The Calliope prefers high mountains, and has been seen as high as 11,000 feet. It builds its nests over creeks or over roads next to streams or lakes, usually repairing the previous year's nest or constructing a new one atop the old. You too can see one if you're lucky, see page 9.

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## DFO Field Trips for July 2002, continued

### **July 14, Sunday (WHI)**

#### ***Upper White Ranch***

**Leaders:** Randy Lentz (303-680-3381)

Meet at 0730 at intersection of Highway 93 and Golden Gate Canyon Road. Will bird along Golder Gate Canyon Road to Upper White Ranch Park. Bring lunch and water.

### **July 20, Saturday (FIL)**

#### ***Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes***

**Leader:** Lynn Willcockson (303-757-7000)

Meet to carpool at 0730 at RTD Cold Springs Park n' Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of West Sixth Ave., or meet at Filius Park at 0800 (from I-70 going west, take Evergreen exit, then first Bergen Park exit, then right to Filius Park). Full-day trip; bring lunch and water. Fee of \$6.00 per vehicle for Mt. Evans portion of trip.

### **July 21, Sunday (BSP)**

#### ***Barr Lake State Park***

**Leader:** Loch Kilpatrick (303-806-5475)

Meet at 0700 at Nature Center in park. Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, water, and State Parks pass. Lunch optional. If birding is good, trip will continue into afternoon.

### **July 27, Saturday (BLU)**

#### ***Bluff Lake***

**Leader:** David Laliberte (303-297-1390)

Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science to carpool. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water; 2- to 3-mile hike. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

### **July 28, Sunday (HUT)**

#### ***Hutton Lake NWR, in Wyoming***

**Leader:** Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Meet leader at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Call leader for carpooling. High-clearance or four-wheel-drive vehicles recommended. May see Snowy Egrets, Prairie Falcons, White-faced Ibis, etc. Bring lunch, snacks, and lots of water for an extra long day.

## Contributions and New Members

### **Welcome New Members!**

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### **Contributions to our Educational Funds:**

none this month



## DFO Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck

### Sunday, August 25 at Castlewood Canyon State Park

The DFO is proud of all of the volunteers that support our club and want to celebrate our good fortune, and thank each and every one for their generous sharing of precious time and energy.



We invite all DFO members to join us in hosting a pot luck lunch on August 25 at one of the Castlewood Canyon State Park picnic pavilions to honor all of the volunteers.

The pot luck will start at 12:00 noon and will continue until we decide to leave. Soft drinks, along with paper plates/plasticware/napkins/cups, will be provided by the DFO. We hope to have a half-day field trip in the Canyon that morning, so we can bird and celebrate same day, same place! Castlewood Canyon web site is <http://parks.state.co.us/castlewood>. Watch the Lark Bunting field trips for specifics on the field trip. To get to the Castlewood

Canyon State Park (picnic pavilions), take Highway 83 south from Franktown. Go approximately five miles to the Park entrance. Turn right into the Park. Drive past the Visitor Center to the last parking area. The pavilions should be visible from there. State Parks pass required if you are planning to bird in the morning, or after lunch. This location is steeped in history, for more information about the park, check out <http://parks.state.co.us/castlewood>. Please mark your calendars now to join us in honoring our volunteers, and please bring a favorite dish to share.

## Field Trip Summaries for May 2002

### May 4, Saturday

#### *Longmont Area, (LON)*

**Leader(s):** Rich Owens and Chris Mendez. **Observers:** Mary Geder, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Sonja Hahn, Gordon Hodgson, Bob Hutchison, Vince Kloster, Dick Pratt, Anne Southcott, Mary Stallings, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1530. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** prairie, foothills, ponds, riparian; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny and partly overcast; wind variable, 12 mph; temp. 45-70 °F. **Totals:** 84 Species, 1108 Individuals.

### May 5, Sunday

#### *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, (WRG)*

**Leader(s):** Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** John Fishcer, John Flavin, Vincent Foster, Bob Frager, Matt Galman, Connie Huyck, Joe Kreig, Bill Meller, Betty Minges, Daren O'Brian, Steve Sinclair, Gerald Spence. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and Lakes; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 50-70 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 353 Individuals.

### May 18, Saturday

#### *Rigli Ranch, (RIG)*

**Leader(s):** Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Bruce Bosley. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairies, lakes, riparian, sandhill, sagebrush, fields, farms, ranch, creek; elev. 4330'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SE, 5-10 mph; temp. 60-70 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 231 Individuals.

#### *May 18, Saturday, Doudy Draw, (DDR)*

## Field Trip Summaries for May 2002, continued

**Leader(s):** Suzi and Myron Plooster. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Larry Crowley, John Flavin, Mary Goeder, Grace Hahn, Peggy Hankins, Gordong Hodgson, Bob Hutchinson, Hope Leighton, Rich Mandez, Chris Owens, Richard Pinkham, Mary Stallings, Carol Wilson. **Time:** 0815-1215. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, grasslands, and riparian; elev. 5600'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind variable; temp. 55-65 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 237 Individuals.

### May 19, Sunday, Barr Lake State Park, (BAR)

**Leader(s):** Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** none. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NW, 10 mph; temp. 47-65 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 655 Individuals.

### May 25-27, Friday-Sunday, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, (CLN)

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Joann Garavaglia, Rich Mendez, Kathy Nelson, Chris Owens, Pat Ryan, Ann Sprague. **Time:** 0730-1930. **Distance:** 677 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie pot holes, riparian, plains, pastures and farms; elev. 4800'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind NW, 10-25 mph; temp. 48-87 °F. **Totals:** 117 Species, 3194 Individuals.

### May 26, Saturday, South Platte Park, (SPP)

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze and Barbara Brown. **Observers:** Lucie Clark, Dave Conant, Lynn Conant, Alison Clark, Bob Hutchinson, Skot Latona, Charlie Lawrence, Richard Pinkham, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Greenbelt, stream, lakes; elev. 5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind S, 5-15 mph; temp. 51-74 °F. **Totals:** 48 Species, 797 Individuals.

### May 27, Sunday, Parker Regional Park, (PRP)

**Leader(s):** Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Midge Ball, Barbara Brown, Sonja Hahn, Peggy Hankins, Debbie Kennedy, Colleen Nunn, Susan Osborn, Buzz Sheanberg. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, small reservoir; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 52-72 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 304 Individuals.

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### May 9, Thursday, Cherry Creek State Park, (CCK)

**Leader(s):** JB Hayes. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Peggy Hankins, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0730-1530. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, pond, riparian, cattail marsh, creek, meadows, brush; elev. 5200'. **Weather:** Clear; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 34-70 °F. **Totals:** 78 Species, 1255 Individuals.

### May 11, Saturday, Chatfield State Park, (CHA)

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Ray Bonilla, Peggy Hankins, Randy Lentz. **Time:** 0600-1700. **Distance:** 32 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, stream, sandbar, marsh, brush; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to overcast; wind N, 0-15 mph; temp. 37-54 °F. **Totals:** 86 Species, 812 Individuals.

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## Field Trip Summaries for May 2002

### May 11, Saturday, Waterton, (WAT)

**Leader(s):** Bob Brown. **Observers:** Lee Ann Brown, Peggy Gonder, Peter Mulholland. **Time:** 600-1245. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mixed riparian, streamside; elev. 5400'. **Weather:** Overcast to partly cloudy; wind N, 0-15 mph; temp. 45-55 °F. **Totals:** 80 Species, 420 Individuals.

### May 11, Saturday, Barr Lake State Park, (BAR)

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Dick Pratt, Bob Richter, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0630-1630. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 10 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian; elev. 5100'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind N, 0-25 mph; temp. 45-60 °F. **Totals:** 88 Species, 2764 Individuals.

### May 12, Sunday, Castlewood Canyon State Park, (CSP)

**Leader(s):** Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Larry Crowley, John Flavin, Peter Mulholland. **Time:** 0530-1830. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, grasslands, riparian; elev. 6300'. **Weather:** Rain and snow showers AM, clearing PM; wind NW, 5-10 mph; temp. 38-50 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 710 Individuals.

### May 12, Sunday, Barr Lake Periphery, (BLP)

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** none. **Time:** 0630-1400. **Distance:** 90 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains; elev. 5850'. **Weather:** Cloudy and light rain; wind NW, 5-8 mph; temp. 45-58 °F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 2360 Individuals.

## Tuesday Birders

### May 7, Tuesday, Barr Lake State Park, (BAR)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell, Nelda Gambell, and Malcom Scofield. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture; elev. 5100'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 49-74 °F. **Totals:** 54 Species, 601 Individuals.

### May 14, Tuesday, Hanover Road and Chico Basin, (HAN)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0830-1420. **Distance:** 13 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** sand/sage grassland, cottonwood, Russian Olive grove, agricultural ponds; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind S, 0-7 mph; temp. 50-68 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 401 Individuals.

### May 21, Tuesday, Waterton Canyon, (WAT)

**Leader(s):** Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow with rock outcrops; elev. 5600'. **Weather:** Overcast to high haze; wind variable; temp. 62-80 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 253 Individuals.

### May 28, Tuesday, Lair O'The Bea, (LAI)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell, Alice Kruse, and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow & some Ponderosa Pine & Blue Spruce; elev. 6530'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 64-74 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 232 Individuals.

**Monna Krebs (Compiler)**

# Field Trip Summary Table for May 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |           |           |           |              |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT |           |           |           |           |           | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 4<br>LON        | 5<br>WRG | 15<br>RIG | 16<br>DDR | 19<br>BAR | 25-27<br>CLN | 26<br>SPP | 27<br>PRP | 7<br>BAR        | 14<br>HAN | 21<br>WAT | 26<br>LAI | 8<br>CCR              | 11<br>CHA | 11<br>WAT | 11<br>BAR | 12<br>CSP | 12<br>BLP |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 1               | 2        |           |           | 2         | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           | 5         |           |           | 12    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 2         | 3     |
| Earred Grebe                | 1               |          |           |           |           | 159          |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 15                    | 1         |           |           |           |           | 177   |
| Western Grebe               | 15              |          |           |           | 11        | 18           | 1         | 1         | 2               | 2         |           |           | 90                    | 52        |           | 3         |           | 5         | 200   |
| Clark's Grebe               | 5               |          |           |           |           | 3            |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4                     | 4         |           |           |           |           | 16    |
| American White Pelican      | 74              |          |           |           | 16        | 90           | 2         |           | 5               |           |           |           | 6                     | 3         |           | 38        |           | 23        | 257   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | 4               | 25       |           |           | 14        | 13           | 12        | 7         | 100             |           | 2         |           | 18                    | 16        | 12        | 200       |           | 37        | 460   |
| Great Blue Heron            | 32              | 3        |           |           | 16        | 5            | 11        |           | 50              | 2         | 1         | 2         | 3                     | 15        | 8         | 35        | 5         | 3         | 191   |
| Great Egret                 | 14              |          |           |           |           |              |           |           | 1               |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 1         | 16    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   | 2               | 2        |           |           |           | 13           | 1         | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 9                     | 1         |           | 6         |           |           | 36    |
| White-faced Ibis            | 28              |          |           |           |           |              |           |           | 73              |           |           |           | 20                    |           |           |           | 11        | 1         | 133   |
| Turkey Vulture              | 4               |          |           | 2         |           | 11           | 2         |           | 1               |           | 5         | 4         | 2                     | 18        | 6         | 1         | 22        |           | 78    |
| Canada Goose                | 56              | 50       |           |           | 78        | 125          | 60        |           | 13              | 4         | 3         |           | 12                    | 15        | 8         | 52        | 4         | 29        | 509   |
| Wood Duck                   |                 | 1        |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 4         | 1         | 5         |           |           | 12    |
| Gadwall                     | 3               | 5        |           |           | 12        | 4            | 2         |           | 6               | 2         |           |           | 11                    | 4         | 3         | 32        |           | 4         | 88    |
| American Wigeon             |                 |          |           |           | 6         |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 3         |           |           | 9     |
| Mallard                     | 32              | 15       |           | 2         | 35        | 11           | 24        | 5         | 5               | 1         |           | 3         | 30                    | 27        | 15        | 60        | 7         | 37        | 309   |
| Blue-winged Teal            | 4               | 1        |           |           | 4         | 10           | 2         |           | 5               | 6         |           |           | 8                     |           |           | 34        |           | 7         | 83    |
| Cinnamon Teal               | 1               |          |           |           | 1         |              |           |           | 10              |           |           |           | 5                     |           | 3         | 29        |           | 4         | 52    |
| Northern Shoveler           | 28              |          |           |           | 3         | 10           |           |           | 3               | 1         |           |           |                       |           | 1         | 24        |           | 2         | 70    |
| Northern Pintail            |                 |          |           |           | 1         | 3            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 7         |           | 11        | 22    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 9               |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3                     | 4         | 4         | 6         |           |           | 27    |
| Canvasback                  | 2               |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 3     |
| Redhead                     |                 | 1        |           |           | 5         | 2            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 8     |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 1               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 2         |           |           | 3     |
| Lesser Scaup                | 4               |          |           |           | 3         |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 2         |           | 4         | 13    |
| Bufflehead                  | 2               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 2         |           |           | 4     |
| Common Merganser            | 2               |          |           |           |           |              | 2         |           |                 |           | 2         |           | 18                    | 20        |           |           |           |           | 44    |
| Ruddy Duck                  | 3               |          |           |           | 15        | 63           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3                     |           |           |           |           |           | 84    |
| Osprey                      | 2               |          |           |           | 1         |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           | 4     |
| Bald Eagle                  | 1               |          |           |           | 1         |              |           |           | 3               |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           | 4         |           | 1         | 11    |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |          |           |           |           | 6            |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           | 1         | 1         |           | 2         | 11    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     | 1         |           |           |           |           | 2     |
| Cooper's Hawk               | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           |           | 1         | 4     |
| Swainson's Hawk             | 5               | 1        | 2         |           |           | 24           |           |           | 8               | 4         |           |           | 4                     |           | 1         | 8         |           | 11        | 68    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 6               |          | 2         | 3         |           | 15           | 1         | 2         | 3               | 2         | 4         | 3         | 3                     | 3         | 3         | 3         | 2         | 4         | 59    |
| western races               |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | (4)       | (4)   |
| Ferruginous Hawk            | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           | 1               | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |
| Buteo sp.                   |                 |          |           |           |           |              | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 | 1         | 1         | 1         |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 5     |
| American Kestrel            | 7               |          |           | 4         |           | 13           | 2         |           | 3               | 1         | 2         |           | 2                     | 2         | 3         | 4         | 3         | 14        | 60    |
| Merlin                      |                 |          |           |           | 1         |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 2     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        | 1               |          |           |           |           | 11           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 5                     |           |           | 5         |           | 2         | 25    |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 |          |           |           |           | 7            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 7     |
| Virginia Rail               |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4                     |           |           |           |           | 2         | 6     |
| Sora                        |                 |          |           |           |           |              | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| Common Moorhen              | 1               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| American Coot               | 3               | 1        |           |           | 40        | 71           |           |           | 2               | 1         |           |           | 6                     |           |           | 75        |           | 3         | 204   |
| Semipalmated Plover         | 5               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 5     |
| Killdeer                    | 11              | 1        | 1         |           | 12        | 26           | 15        | 6         | 3               | 5         |           |           | 8                     | 4         | 9         | 11        | 2         | 9         | 125   |
| American Avocet             | 46              | 1        |           |           |           | 31           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4                     |           | 11        |           |           | 9         | 102   |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           | 9               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 9     |
| Solitary Sandpiper          |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 1         |           |           | 1     |
| Willet                      |                 |          |           |           |           | 24           |           |           | 3               |           |           |           | 3                     |           |           |           |           |           | 27    |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | 2               | 1        |           |           | 2         | 1            | 6         |           |                 | 3         |           |           | 4                     | 5         | 3         | 6         |           |           | 33    |
| Upland Sandpiper            |                 |          |           |           |           | 17           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 17    |
| Whimbrel                    | 1               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4                     |           |           |           |           |           | 5     |
| Long-billed Curlew          | 1               |          |           |           |           | 25           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 26    |
| Sanderling                  |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1     |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      | 4               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |
| Least Sandpiper             | 2               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 2     |
| White-rumped Sandpiper      |                 |          |           |           |           | 4            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |
| Baird's Sandpiper           |                 |          |           |           |           | 21           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 21    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       | 21              |          |           |           |           | 13           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           |           | 6         |           |           | 41    |
| Common Snipe                |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           | 1               | 3         |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 1         |           | 5     |

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
|                               | 4               | 5   | 18  | 18  | 19  | 25-27 | 26  | 27  | 7               | 14  | 21  | 28  | 9                     | 11   | 11  | 11   | 12  | 12  |       |
|                               | LON             | WRG | RIG | DDR | BAR | GLN   | SPP | PRP | BAR             | HAN | WAT | LAI | CCR                   | CHA  | WAT | BAR  | CSP | BLP |       |
| Franklin's Gull               |                 |     |     |     | 3   | 3     | 7   |     |                 |     |     |     | 5                     |      |     | 19   |     |     | 24    |
| Ring-billed Gull              | 1               |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 30                    | 3    |     | 2    |     | 13  | 52    |
| California Gull               |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 35                    | 2    |     |      |     |     | 37    |
| Caspian Tern                  |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1                     |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Common Tern                   |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 7     |
| Forster's Tern                | 4               |     |     |     |     | 6     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     | 3    |     | 3   | 16    |
| Black Tern                    |                 |     |     |     |     | 37    |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 37    |
| Rock Dove                     | 64              |     |     |     |     | 33    | 10  |     | 3               |     |     |     | 5                     | 2    | 1   | 18   |     | 170 | 306   |
| Mourning Dove                 | 24              | 8   | 15  | 3   | 16  | 132   | 14  | 12  | 13              | 12  | 7   |     | 110                   | 25   | 8   | 30   | 32  | 190 | 621   |
| Barn Owl                      |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Great Horned Owl              |                 |     | 2   |     |     | 4     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                     | 2    | 3   | 4    | 2   | 2   | 21    |
| Burrowing Owl                 |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     | 1   | 2     |
| Common Nighthawk              |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 3   |     | 7     |
| Common Poorwill               |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 3     |
| Chimney Swift                 |                 |     |     |     |     | 6     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 2    |     |      |     |     | 8     |
| White-throated Swift          | 70              |     |     | 2   |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 2   |     | 74    |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      |                 |     |     | 2   |     |       |     | 3   |                 | 1   | 4   | 8   |                       | 4    | 3   |      | 6   |     | 32    |
| Belted Kingfisher             | 2               | 1   |     |     |     | 2     | 1   |     |                 |     | 2   | 3   | 2                     | 2    | 2   | 1    | 1   |     | 19    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker         |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1                     |      |     |      |     |     | 8     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker           |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Downy Woodpecker              | 1               | 5   |     |     | 1   | 2     |     |     | 2               |     | 1   | 4   | 6                     | 4    | 2   | 4    |     |     | 32    |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 2   |     | 2     |
| Northern Flicker              |                 | 8   |     | 1   | 6   | 8     | 2   | 5   | 2               | 1   | 3   | 1   | 8                     | 12   | 6   | 3    | 2   |     | 89    |
| "Yellow-shafted" race         |                 |     |     |     |     | (3)   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | (3)   |
| "Red-shafted" race            |                 | (8) |     |     | (6) | (6)   | (2) | (5) | (2)             |     | (3) |     | (6)                   | (12) | (5) | (3)  | (2) |     | (63)  |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher        |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 2     |
| Western Wood-Pewee            |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     | 2   | 2   |                 |     | 2   | 1   |                       |      | 4   | 2    |     |     | 14    |
| Willow Flycatcher             |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Least Flycatcher              |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 2    |     | 1    |     |     | 3     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        |                 |     | 1   |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     | 5   |                       |      | 1   |      |     |     | 7     |
| Empidonax sp.                 |                 |     |     | 4   |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 5     |
| Say's Phoebe                  | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 1    |     | 2    | 1   | 1   | 7     |
| Cassin's Kingbird             |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |     | 10  | 1   | 36  | 89    | 1   | 3   | 14              | 13  | 1   |     | 12                    | 28   | 5   | 28   |     | 61  | 300   |
| Eastern Kingbird              |                 |     |     |     | 12  | 43    |     | 7   | 2               | 3   |     |     | 1                     | 8    | 3   | 7    |     | 8   | 94    |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 |     | 2   |     |     | 14    |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |      |     |      |     | 3   | 20    |
| Plumbeous Vireo               |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |     |     |                 | 1   |     | 1   |                       | 1    | 2   | 1    | 8   |     | 15    |
| Warbling Vireo                |                 |     | 1   | 1   |     |       |     | 1   |                 |     | 2   | 4   |                       | 8    | 2   | 2    |     | 1   | 22    |
| Red-eyed Vireo                |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Stellar's Jay                 |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     | 3   |                       |      |     |      | 7   |     | 10    |
| Blue Jay                      | 1               | 4   |     | 3   |     | 9     | 1   |     |                 | 1   | 1   |     | 2                     |      | 1   | 1    |     |     | 24    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 2   |     |                       |      | 1   |      | 8   |     | 11    |
| Pinyon Jay                    |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      | 8   |      |     |     | 8     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 6               | 4   | 1   | 6   | 15  | 18    | 3   | 4   | 3               |     |     |     | 18                    | 16   | 9   | 19   | 23  | 34  | 179   |
| American Crow                 | 1               | 1   |     |     |     | 23    | 3   |     |                 |     | 2   |     |                       | 8    | 3   |      | 8   | 5   | 52    |
| Common Raven                  | 1               |     |     | 1   |     | 2     |     |     |                 |     | 2   |     |                       | 2    | 2   |      | 4   |     | 14    |
| Horned Lark                   |                 |     | 15  |     |     | 27    |     |     | 1               | 35  |     |     |                       | 4    |     |      | 2   | 40  | 124   |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 2   |     | 5   | 2   | 7     | 8   | 5   | 1               |     |     | 3   | 1                     | 1    | 10  | 5    |     |     | 50    |
| Violet-green Swallow          | 3               |     |     | 10  |     | 2     | 2   | 10  |                 |     |     | 25  | 1                     | 800  | 5   |      |     |     | 858   |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |     |     |     |     | 40    | 1   |     |                 |     | 25  | 4   | 2                     | 1    | 1   | 3    |     |     | 77    |
| Bank Swallow                  | 5               |     |     |     |     | 2     |     |     |                 | 3   |     |     |                       | 3    |     | 8    |     |     | 21    |
| Gill Swallow                  | 1               |     |     |     |     | 35    | 275 | 9   | 9               | 150 |     | 4   | 150                   | 200  | 3   | 1000 | 6   | 45  | 1887  |
| Barn Swallow                  | 4               | 1   | 12  | 10  |     | 71    | 7   | 2   | 17              | 23  | 4   | 3   | 10                    | 15   | 3   | 150  |     | 145 | 477   |
| Swallow sp.                   |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 75  |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 75    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 2               | 15  |     | 1   | 4   | 2     | 6   | 8   | 5               |     | 1   | 6   | 8                     | 10   | 7   | 9    | 6   | 2   | 92    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     | 3   |                       |      |     |      | 3   |     | 8     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     | 1    | 2   |     | 3     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 4   |     | 4     |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 1     |
| Brown Creeper                 |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |                       |      | 1   |      | 2   |     | 4     |
| Rock Wren                     |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 2   |     | 3     |
| Canyon Wren                   | 1               |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |                       |      |     |      | 4   |     | 6     |
| House Wren                    | 2               |     | 2   |     | 4   | 4     | 11  | 4   | 11              | 10  | 5   | 12  | 15                    | 110  | 30  | 40   | 30  | 2   | 292   |
| American Dipper               |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 10  |                       |      |     |      |     |     | 11    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 1     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      | 1   |      |     |     | 3     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         |                 |     | 1   | 6   |     |       | 2   |     |                 |     |     | 5   | 4                     | 6    | 7   | 2    | 14  | 1   | 48    |
| Western Bluebird              |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 6   | 8   | 16    |
| Mountain Bluebird             |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 12  |     | 12    |
| Veery                         |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     | 1    |     |     | 1     |
| Swainson's Thrush             |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |      |     |      | 1   |     | 9     |
| Hermit Thrush                 |                 |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |      |     | 1    |     |     | 1     |
| American Robin                | 20              | 20  | 6   | 24  | 10  | 45    | 26  | 4   | 8               | 2   | 2   | 18  | 30                    |      | 12  | 43   | 58  | 44  | 372   |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | 4<br>LON        | 5<br>WRG | 16<br>RIG | 18<br>DDR | 19<br>BAR | 25-27<br>CLN | 26<br>SPP | 27<br>PRP | 7<br>BAR        | 14<br>HAN | 21<br>WAT | 26<br>LAI | 9<br>CCR              | 11<br>CIA | 11<br>WAT | 11<br>BAR | 12<br>CSP | 12<br>BLP |        |
| Sage Thrasher               |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Brown Thrasher              |                 |          | 2         |           |           | 8            |           |           |                 | 2         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 12     |
| European Starling           | 11              | 25       | 6         |           | 70        | 185          | 45        |           | 33              | 12        | 3         |           | 95                    | 9         | 20        | 40        | 45        | 185       | 794    |
| American Pipit              |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 4         |           |           |           |           | 4      |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                 |          |           |           |           | 25           |           |           |                 |           | 7         | 2         |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 34     |
| Tennessee Warbler           |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         | 1         |           |           | 2      |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      | 1               | 2        |           | 1         | 1         |              |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         |                       | 1         | 2         | 3         |           |           | 12     |
| Virginia's Warbler          |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           | 3         |           | 5      |
| Yellow Warbler              |                 | 4        | 2         | 2         | 5         | 9            | 16        | 21        | 3               | 1         | 26        | 9         | 7                     | 50        | 25        | 20        | 5         |           | 205    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 2               | 45       | 1         | 2         |           | 4            | 3         | 1         | 3               | 6         |           | 1         | 1                     | 31        | 15        | 35        |           | 4         | 154    |
| "Myrtle" race               |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | (6)       |           | (16)      |           |           | (22)   |
| "Audubon's" race            | (2)             |          | (1)       |           |           | (4)          |           | (1)       |                 | (6)       |           |           |                       | (25)      |           | (19)      |           | (4)       | (62)   |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler |                 | 1        |           | 1         |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           | 3      |
| Blackburnian Warbler        |                 |          | 1         |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Prairie Warbler             |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1      |
| Black-and-white Warbler     |                 | 1        |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 2      |
| American Redstart           |                 |          |           |           |           | 5            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         | 2         |           |           |           | 8      |
| Northern Waterthrush        |                 |          |           |           |           | 2            |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           |           |           |           |           | 3      |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Common Yellowthroat         |                 | 1        | 1         |           | 1         | 2            |           |           | 5               | 3         |           |           | 3                     | 6         | 2         | 6         |           |           | 30     |
| Wilson's Warbler            |                 |          | 1         |           | 2         |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 4         |           |           |           | 7      |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |                 |          | 1         | 5         |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           | 3         |           |                       | 8         | 8         |           |           |           | 26     |
| Summer Tanager              |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Western Tanager             |                 |          |           | 2         |           |              | 4         |           |                 | 1         |           | 10        | 1                     | 4         | 2         |           |           |           | 24     |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |                 |          | 1         |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       | 1         | 1         |           | 1         | 2         | 7      |
| Spotted Towhee              | 4               | 1        | 1         | 16        |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           | 24        | 7         | 1                     | 10        | 3         |           | 45        | 2         | 115    |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 8               | 8        | 6         | 8         |           | 4            |           |           | 2               | 1         |           | 1         | 95                    | 90        |           | 85        | 35        | 10        | 353    |
| Clay-colored Sparrow        |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8                     |           | 3         | 4         |           |           | 15     |
| Brewer's Sparrow            |                 |          | 8         |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     | 1         |           | 5         |           |           | 13     |
| Vesper Sparrow              |                 |          | 10        | 5         |           | 12           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2                     | 3         | 3         |           | 75        | 3         | 113    |
| Lark Sparrow                | 1               |          | 4         | 4         |           | 30           |           |           | 4               | 4         | 1         |           | 7                     | 17        |           | 8         | 25        | 13        | 118    |
| Lark Bunting                |                 |          | 25        |           |           | 94           |           |           |                 | 4         |           |           |                       | 2         |           | 5         |           | 85        | 215    |
| Savannah Sparrow            | 1               |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     | 1         | 2         | 1         |           |           | 6      |
| Grasshopper Sparrow         |                 |          |           |           |           | 3            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 3      |
| Song Sparrow                | 2               | 8        |           |           | 4         | 1            | 8         | 15        | 7               |           | 5         | 10        | 15                    | 5         | 5         | 7         | 5         | 7         | 104    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |                 | 1        |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           | 2         |           |           | 4      |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 12              |          | 8         |           | 3         |              | 1         | 1         | 1               | 2         |           |           | 1                     | 10        | 5         | 5         | 5         |           | 54     |
| Dark faced races            |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | (8)       |           |           |           |           | (8)    |
| "Gambels" race              |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | (2)       |           | (5)       |           |           | (7)    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 3         |           | 3      |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | (3)       |           |           | (3)    |
| Northern Cardinal           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 4      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak      |                 |          | 1         |           |           |              |           | 2         |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           | 4      |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 | 2         |           | 3         |                       |           | 1         |           | 22        |           | 28     |
| Blue Grosbeak               |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 5            |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 1         | 8      |
| Lazuli Bunting              |                 |          |           | 1         |           |              |           | 1         |                 | 1         |           | 3         |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 7      |
| Painted Bunting             |                 |          | 1         |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Bobolink                    |                 |          |           |           |           | 6            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 6      |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 172             | 15       |           |           | 60        | 216          | 112       | 53        | 50              | 12        | 2         |           | 85                    | 12        | 15        | 150       | 45        | 495       | 1474   |
| Western Meadowlark          | 7               |          | 7         | 40        | 6         | 75           | 10        | 6         | 10              | 14        | 3         |           | 8                     | 15        | 4         | 13        | 25        | 95        | 338    |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     | 102             |          |           |           | 4         | 145          |           |           | 56              | 11        |           |           | 2                     |           |           | 30        |           | 15        | 355    |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 14           |           |           |                 | 1         | 1         | 1         | 40                    | 1         |           |           | 28        | 2         | 89     |
| Common Grackle              | 22              | 18       | 12        | 4         | 70        | 78           | 31        | 18        | 10              | 7         | 7         |           | 75                    | 9         | 5         | 200       |           | 300       | 866    |
| Great-tailed Grackle        | 1               |          |           |           |           | 12           |           |           | 5               |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 4         |           | 3         | 25     |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | 12              | 6        | 5         | 30        | 11        | 13           |           | 5         | 3               |           | 1         | 6         | 45                    | 20        | 8         | 25        | 20        | 13        | 225    |
| Orchard Oriole              |                 |          | 4         |           | 2         | 55           |           | 7         |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           | 1         |           |           | 70     |
| Baltimore Oriole            |                 |          |           |           |           | 1            |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1      |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                 |          | 6         | 12        | 22        | 27           | 9         | 20        | 5               | 1         | 1         | 9         | 4                     | 2         | 7         | 19        |           | 3         | 147    |
| House Finch                 | 4               |          |           |           |           | 22           | 6         | 7         |                 | 2         | 1         | 3         | 6                     | 2         | 2         | 4         |           | 25        | 84     |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1      |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |                 | 3        |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           | 9         |                       | 1         |           |           |           |           | 13     |
| "Green-backed" race         |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           | (8)       |                       |           |           |           |           |           | (8)    |
| "Black-backed" race         |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           | (1)       |                       |           |           |           |           |           | (1)    |
| American Goldfinch          | 2               | 10       |           | 12        | 4         | 35           | 10        | 42        | 1               |           |           | 5         | 9                     | 9         | 3         | 3         | 1         |           | 146    |
| Evening Grosbeak            |                 |          |           |           |           |              |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 2         |           |           |           | 2      |
| House Sparrow               | 20              | 25       | 40        |           | 7         | 61           | 15        | 2         | 12              | 1         | 3         |           | 12                    |           |           | 7         |           | 120       | 325    |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 1108            | 353      | 231       | 237       | 655       | 3194         | 797       | 304       | 601             | 401       | 293       | 232       | 1255                  | 1812      | 420       | 2764      | 710       | 2360      | 17,667 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 84              | 43       | 42        | 36        | 49        | 117          | 48        | 37        | 54              | 63        | 44        | 45        | 78                    | 86        | 80        | 85        | 58        | 67        | 197    |

**Observation Legend:** a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

## Additional Reports

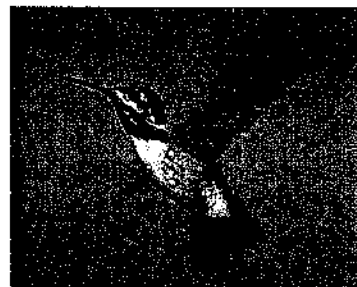
| Species                     | Dates   | Number seen | Location                                    | County    | Observers                                     |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Common Loon                 | 5/18    | 1b          | Marston Reservoir                           | Denver    | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Glossy Ibis                 | 5/4     | 1-3         | 128th & Buckley Rd.                         | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Black-bellied Plover        | 5/10    | 1b          | Union Reservoir                             | Weld      | Karleen Scholfield & Eric Zorawowicz          |
| Semipalmated Plover         | 5/13    | 2           | Chatfield State Park                        | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Gaspian Tern                | 5/11    | 1           | Cherry Creek St. Park                       | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown                                     |
| Common Poorwill             | 5/4     | 1           | Barr Lake State Park                        | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield & Randy Lentz              |
| Pinion Jay                  | 5/11    | 8           | Chatfield State Park                        | Jefferson | Lea Ann and Bob Brown                         |
| Wood Thrush                 | 5/9     | 1           | Lair o' the Bear Park                       | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield & Marilyn Mueller          |
| Veery                       | 5/5     | 1           | Barr Lake State Park                        | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield & m.ob.                    |
| American Pipit              | 5/12    | 58          | O'Fallon Park                               | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Golden-winged Warbler       | 5/14    | 1m          | Boulder Creek/CU                            | Boulder   | Karleen Scholfield & m.ob.                    |
| Tennessee Warbler           | 5/11    | 1           | Water Dept. Property adjoining Chatfield SP | Jefferson | Lea Ann and Bob Brown                         |
| Northern Parula             | 5/4-5/5 | 1m          | Barr Lake State Park                        | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield & Randy Lentz              |
| Northern Parula             | 5/8     | 1f          | Chatfield State Park                        | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 5/8     | 1f          | Welchster Tree Grant Pk. Lakewood           | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 5/11    | 1           | Water Dept. Property adjoining Chatfield SP | Jefferson | Lea Ann and Bob Brown                         |
| Blackburnian Warbler        | 5/18    | 1m          | Chatfield State Park                        | Douglas   | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/4     | 1m          | Barr Lake State Park                        | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield & Randy Lentz              |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/18    | 1m          | Chatfield State Park                        | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield                            |
| Black and White Warbler     | 5/4     | 1           | Barr Lake State Park                        | Adams     | Karleen Scholfield & Randy Lentz              |
| Black and White Warbler     | 5/14    | 1m 1f       | Boulder Creek/CU                            | Boulder   | Karleen Scholfield & m.ob.                    |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak      | 5/13    | 1f          | Stapleton Dr./Chief Hosa exit               | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield & m.ob.                    |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak      | 5/19    | 1m          | Lower White Ranch                           | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield & m.ob.                    |
| Scott's Oriole              | 5/13    | 1m          | Stapleton Dr./Chief Hosa exit               | Jefferson | Karleen Scholfield, Patty Echelmeyer, & m.ob. |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type: A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basics plumage, alt=alternate plumage

### Hummingbirds: Calliope, and (hopefully) Black-chinned. See Butterflies and Songbirds

Tina Jones has opened her yard for Hummingbird viewing again this summer, from July 15 through September 25. Best times to see hummers is early morning, till 9 am, or in the evening from, 6:30 pm until just before dark. Calliopes build in numbers from the third week in July to the second week in August under normal climatic conditions. They come through the yard after these dates, through about September 15, but they are in very small numbers.

Males generally arrive first during the migration period, followed by immatures & females. Black-chinned can show up any time, with usually only one at a time in the yard, and that individual is typically a female. Last summer 11 different males showed up as a nice surprise. The Rufous arrives about the very end of July, with Broad-tailed coming July-September.



Because of the drought, arrival times may be different this year. Directions: From W. Quincy & S. Sheridan go south on Sheridan to first stop sign. Turn right on Sunset, go west on Sunset to Bow Mar Drive and turn right at the second stop sign, onto Bow Mar. 4400 Bow Mar Drive is the address, and is the first driveway on your right. Do not park in driveway, but park on street. Walk to patio which is next to garage. Go through patio to where chairs are set up for viewing. Please do not walk all around yard, since vegetative conditions are dry. Leave a message on Tina's voicemail, 303-794-2647, as to when you might be arriving. There is no need to wait for a reply back. Just come!

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing. Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: [www.geocities.com/dfobirders](http://www.geocities.com/dfobirders)

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.***

**\$20.00** ☐ Regular Family Membership

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## DFO Field Trips for August 2002

### August 3, Saturday

#### Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet at 0730 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on U.S. 36. All day trip – bring lunch and extra water. Wear study hiking shoes. U.S. Parks Pass required. Will look for ptarmigan and sapsuckers.

### August 4, Sunday

#### Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381. Meet leader at 0700 at the Visitor's Center at the park. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Bring extra water.

### August 10, Saturday

#### Boulder Mountain Park

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster 303-494-6708. Meet leaders at 0800 at Table Mesa Shopping Center. Take U.S. 36 to Table Mesa Drive, then go west on Table Mesa to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway for ¼ block, then turn right into Table Mesa Shopping Center. Look for Savers sign and park facing Broadway. Bring lunch and water for a ¼ day trip. Short distance hiking on gentle slopes. Virginia's Warbler and vireos are possible.

### August 11, Sunday

#### Crow Valley Campground to Lower Latham

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0730 at the Museum of Nature and Science. Bring lunch and water for a long day. Should see prairie birds as well as early fall migrants. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

### August 17, Saturday

#### Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-483-5200. Meet leader at ranch by 0800. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north, but continue east on Morgan County Road F to CR 14, then turn north for approximately one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water.

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seen and heard in mainland Ecuador,  
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## DFO Field Trips for August 2002, continued

### August 18, Sunday

#### Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0730 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot. Bring lunch and water. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

### August 24, Saturday

#### Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit – west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking on flat trails could be made accessible for people using wheelchairs. Contact leaders to check accessibility. State Parks Pass required.

### August 25, Sunday DFO PICNIC AT NOON!!!

#### Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: J. B. Hayes 303-798-9683. Meet leader at 0700 at Visitor's Center on the east side of the park. Will bird until time for the picnic. Bring water and snacks. State Parks Pass required. Be sure and join other birders for the DFP picnic!

### August 31, Saturday

#### Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg 303-699-1721. Meet leader in park parking lot at 0700. From intersection of Main Street and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Half day trip, lunch optional. Bring water. Check out what is there!!

### September 1, Sunday

#### Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs

Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife parking lot located at 6060 N Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58<sup>th</sup> and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Will walk about 6 ½ miles looking for shorebirds, ducks and other migrants. Full day trip, bring lunch and lots of extra water. Both State Wildlife Area Pass (\$3) and State Parks Pass required.



### The 2002 Denver Field Ornithologists Membership List

This year's membership list is inserted into this month's publication. In order to save space, it was printed in a small font. If any members would like a larger type version, please email me, [veronicaholt@att.net](mailto:veronicaholt@att.net), and we'll send you one. This directory is intended solely for the use of DFO members. Its use for any form of solicitation is expressly forbidden. Members are urged to check their entry for accuracy. If they would like any changes made in the next directory or if they change address during the year they should contact the Treasurer, Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224-1249. Phone: 303.322.6589, [glehag@msn.com](mailto:glehag@msn.com).

In addition to the individual members listed above, the Lark Bunting is sent to the following institutions: Colorado State University (Library), Denver Museum of Natural History (Library & Zoology Dept.), Denver Public Library, Lookout Mountain Open Space, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Rocky Mountain Arsenal), and Wild Birds Unlimited, and the Wild Bird Center in Littleton and Parker.



## DFO Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck

### Sunday, August 25 at Castlewood Canyon State Park

The DFO is proud of all of the volunteers that support our club and want to celebrate our good fortune, and thank each and every one for their generous sharing of precious time and energy.



We invite all DFO members to join us in hosting a pot luck lunch on August 25 at one of the Castlewood Canyon State Park picnic pavilions to honor all of the volunteers. The pot luck will start at 12:00 noon and will continue until we decide to leave. Soft drinks, along with paper plates/plasticware/napkins/cups, will be provided by the DFO.

Meet leader J. B. Hayes at 7 am for some birding before the picnic, details on page 2. Such a deal— we can bird and celebrate same day, same place!

To get to the Castlewood Canyon State Park (picnic pavilions), take Highway 83 south from Franktown. Go approximately five miles to the Park entrance. Turn right into the Park. Drive past the Visitor Center to the last parking area. The pavilions should be visible from there. State Parks pass required if you are planning to bird in the morning, or after lunch.

Please mark your calendars now to join us in honoring our volunteers, and please bring a favorite dish to share. Castlewood Canyon web site is <http://parks.state.co.us/castlewood>.

## Contributions and New Members

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### Contributions to our Educational Funds

Educational Endowment Fund: None this month.

Rare Bird Alert: None this month

## Field Trip Summaries for June 2002

### June 1, Saturday Raptor Nest Tour (RAP)

**Leader(s):** Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Jeff Carter, Alice Gann, Chuck Lowrie, Victor Luna, Jerry Raskin, Arlene Raskin, Richard Pinkham, Regina Reynolds. **Time:** 0900 - 1600. **Distance:** 85 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Totals:** 32 Species, 272 Individuals.

### June 2, Sunday, Chatfield Reservoir and State Park (CHA)

**Leader(s):** Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Jim Hansmann, Eric Unoberg, Joe Roller, Karleen (Bunny) Schofield. **Time:** 0730 - 1530. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SW, 0-12 mph; temp. 65-93 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 626 Individuals.

### June 8, Saturday Pawnee Grasslands, Crow Valley, Lower Latham, Union Reservoir, and Misc. Ponds (PAW)

**Leader(s):** Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Patty Echelmeyer, Richard Pinkham, Pat Ryan, Buzz Schaumburg, Robert Spencer, Mary Stallings, Ellen Swanson, Lynn Willcockson. **Time:** 0730 - 1830. **Distance:** 170 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Short grass prairie and reservoirs; elev. 4500' - 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, summer clouds; wind none; temp. 80 °F. **Totals:** 74 Species, 1174 Individuals.

### June 9, Sunday, Bluff Lake Nature Area (BLU)

**Leader(s):** David Laliberte. **Observers:** Joan Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Barbara Brown, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchison. **Time:** 0830 - 1145. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian (cottonwoods, willows, Russian Olives), creek (Sand Creek), small body of water (Bluff Lake), marsh vegetation, open areas with grasses and herbaceous vegetation, various pedestrian facilities (paths and boardwalk). **Weather:** Clear - sunny to smoky/hazy; wind S to SW, light breeze to calm, 1-6 mph; temp. 75-89 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 248 Individuals.

### June 15 & 16, Saturday and Sunday, Western Slope - Delta Area (WES)

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Bob Hutchison, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800 - 1930 (daily). **Distance:** 740 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pastures, and meadows; elev. 4000' - 8600'. **Weather:** Sunny, showers on Sunday; wind SW, 10-15 mph; temp. 75-98 °F. **Totals:** 83 Species, 1643 Individuals.

### June 22, Saturday, Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)

**Leader(s):** Bob Righter. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Maggie Boswell, Tom DeLaney, Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Bob Hutchison, Dianna Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Linda Macey, Calaine Ohmert, Dave and Sheila Rhoades, Scott Roederer, Nini Routh, Pat Ryan, Tim Schowalter, Peter Spanberger, Bob Spencer, Mary Stallings, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0800 - 1500. **Distance:** 65 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Montane, subalpine, alpine; elev. 8000' - 12,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind 0-15 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 256 Individuals.

### June 23, Sunday, Golden Canyon State Park (GOL)

**Leader(s):** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Tammy Ellsworth, Warren Finch, Bob Hutchison, Lock Kilpatrick, Randy Lentz, Gary Matthews, Bill Payne, Warren Roske, Pat Ryan, Ira Sanders, Kathleen Sullivan, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0600 - 1600. **Distance:** 56 miles by car, 1-2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub, lower montane, mixed riparian; elev. 5,300' - 9,200'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind W, 1-3 mph; temp. 65-95 °F. **Totals:** 70 Species, 426 Individuals.

### June 29, Saturday, Hack Ranch and South Park (HAC)

**Leader(s):** Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Becky Eeds, Bill Eeds, Warren Finch, Matthew Gatman, Beverlee Guild, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Rayleigh Rask, Sly Sather, Sue Schulman, Peter Spanberger. **Time:** 0830 - 1530. **Distance:** 29 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grasslands, aspen forests, stream, wet meadows; elev. 9,500' - 9,800'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny and hazy smoke; wind N, 0-15 mph; temp. 45-82 °F. **Totals:** 59 Species, 596 Individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries for June 2002, continued

### June 30, Sunday, Braille Trail and Genesee (BRA)

**Leader(s):** Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins. **Time:** 0830 - 1145. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Evergreen forest, high meadows; elev. 6,550'. **Weather:** Warm, smoky haze; wind E, SE, 8-12 mph; temp. 70-85 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 270 Individuals.

## Tuesday Birders

### June 4, Tuesday, Castlewood Canyon (CAS)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900 - 1230. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, canyon; elev. 6,400'. **Weather:** Cloudy with intermittent rain; wind N, 0-5 mph; temp. 48-54 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 130 Individuals.

### June 11, Tuesday, Los Lagos (Near Rollinsville) (LAG)

**Leader(s):** Betsy Owens, Richard Baldwin, July Miller. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0930 - 1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot (2 groups). **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, Ponderosa, Lodgepole pine; elev. 8,600'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny; wind calm; temp. 54-64 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 163 Individuals.

### June 18, day, Stapleton Drive, Braille Trail near Chief Hosa, Backyard Feeders (STP)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0830 - 1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine woodland; elev. 7,200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 69-84 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 116 Individuals.

### June 25, Tuesday, Estes Park - Rocky Mountain National Park, McGraw Cow Creek Trail, Prather Ashe Property (RMP)

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0930 - 1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Spruce and Ponderosa woodlands, riparian, willow and some Aspen groves; elev. 7,756. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy, light rain later; wind NE, 0-12 mph; temp. 68-76 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 97 Individuals.

### Monna Krebs (Compiler for Tuesday Birders)

## Hummingbirds: Calliope, and (hopefully) Black-chinned. See Butterflies and Songbirds



Tina Jones has opened her yard for Hummingbird viewing again this summer, from July 15 through September 25. Best times to see hummers is early morning, till 9 am, or in the evening from, 6:30 pm until just before dark. Calliopes build in numbers from the third week in July to the second week in August under normal climatic conditions. They come through the yard after these dates, through about September 15, but they are in very small numbers. Males generally arrive first during the migration period, followed by immatures & females. Black-chinned can show up any time, with usually only one at a time in the yard, and that individual is typically a female. Last summer 11 different males showed up as a nice surprise. The Rufous arrives about the very end of July, with Broad-tailed coming July-September.

Because of the drought, arrival times may be different this year. Directions: From W. Quincy & S. Sheridan go south on Sheridan to first stop sign. Turn right on Sunset, go west on Sunset to Bow Mar Drive and turn right at the second stop sign, onto Bow Mar. 4400 Bow Mar Drive is the address, and is the first driveway on your right. Do not park in driveway, but park on street. Walk to patio which is next to garage. Go through patio to where chairs are set up for viewing. Please do not walk all around yard, since vegetative conditions are dry. Leave a message on Tina's voicemail, 303-794-2647, as to when you might be arriving. There is no need to wait for a reply back. Just come!



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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--|-------|
|                             | 1<br>RAP        | 2<br>CHA | 8<br>PAW | 9<br>BLU | 15-16<br>WES | 22<br>ROC | 23<br>GOL | 29<br>HAC | 30<br>BRA | 4<br>CAS | 11<br>LAG       | 18<br>STP | 25<br>RMP |     |  |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 |          | 1        | 1        | 16           |           |           | 1         |           |          |                 |           |           | 19  |  |       |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 |          | 2        |          |              |           |           | 40        |           |          |                 |           |           | 42  |  |       |
| Western Grebe               | 3               |          | 2        |          | 100          |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 105 |  |       |
| American White Pelican      | 2               |          | 44       |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 46  |  |       |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 | 7        | 4        |          | 4            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 15  |  |       |
| Great Blue Heron            | 3               | 10       | 6        | 1        | 25           |           |           | 1         |           | 1        |                 |           |           | 47  |  |       |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 |          | 1        | 1        | 1            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 3   |  |       |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   | 3               |          | 1        | 2        | 1            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 7   |  |       |
| White Ibis                  |                 |          | 1        |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | 1         |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| Turkey Vulture              | 2               | 2        |          |          | 12           | 2         | 1         |           | 1         | 12       |                 | 1         | 2         | 35  |  |       |
| Snow Goose                  |                 |          | 20       |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 20  |  |       |
| Canada Goose                | 45              | 10       |          | 7        | 350          |           |           | 60        |           |          |                 |           |           | 472 |  |       |
| Gadwall                     |                 | 2        | 10       | 4        |              |           |           | 10        |           |          |                 |           |           | 26  |  |       |
| Mallard                     | 10              | 12       | 34       | 17       | 22           | 2         |           | 1         | 7         |          | 5               |           | 2         | 112 |  |       |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 | 4        | 2        |          | 1            |           |           | 10        |           |          |                 |           |           | 17  |  |       |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 | 1        | 6        |          | 4            |           |           | 10        |           |          |                 |           |           | 21  |  |       |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 |          | 4        |          |              |           |           | 1         |           |          |                 |           |           | 5   |  |       |
| Northern Pintail            |                 |          | 2        |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| Green-winged Teal           |                 | 1        | 4        |          |              |           |           | 5         |           |          |                 |           |           | 10  |  |       |
| Redhead                     |                 |          | 40       |          | 1            |           |           | 8         |           |          |                 |           |           | 49  |  |       |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 |          |          |          |              | 1         |           | 15        |           |          | 3               |           |           | 19  |  |       |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | 10        |           |          |                 |           |           | 10  |  |       |
| Bufflehead                  |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | 8         |           |          |                 |           |           | 8   |  |       |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 |          | 2        | 1 (f)    | 5            |           |           | 60        |           |          |                 |           |           | 68  |  |       |
| Osprey                      | 4               |          |          |          |              |           |           |           |           |          | 3               |           |           | 7   |  |       |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |          | 1        |          | 2            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 3   |  |       |
| Cooper's Hawk               | (1n)            |          |          |          |              |           | 1         |           |           | 1        | (2a/1i)         |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| Northern Goshawk            |                 |          |          |          |              | 1         |           |           |           |          | 1               |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| Swainson's Hawk             | 5 (1n)          |          | 4        | 2        |              |           |           | 5         |           |          |                 |           |           | 16  |  |       |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 7               | 2        | 2        |          | 4            |           | 3         | 9         | 1         | 1        |                 | 1         | 1         | 31  |  |       |
| western races               |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | (7)       |           |          |                 |           |           | (7) |  |       |
| Golden Eagle                | 7 (3y)          |          |          |          | 7            |           | 1 (4)     | (2i)      |           |          |                 |           |           | 15  |  |       |
| American Kestrel            | 2               |          | 3        |          | 8            |           | 1         | 1         |           | 1        |                 |           |           | 16  |  |       |
| Prairie Falcon              | 2               |          | 1        |          | 2            | 1         |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 6   |  |       |
| falcon sp.                  |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           |           | 1         |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 |          |          |          | 1            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan      |                 |          |          |          |              | 1         |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| Gambel's Quail              |                 |          |          |          | 2            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| Sora                        |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | 2         |           |          |                 |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| American Coot               |                 |          | 10       |          | 30           |           |           | 5         |           |          |                 |           |           | 45  |  |       |
| Killdeer                    | 2               | 6        | 16       | 4        | 11           |           |           | 6         |           |          | 1               |           |           | 46  |  |       |
| Black-necked Stilt          |                 |          | 6        |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 6   |  |       |
| American Avocet             |                 | 8        | 18       | 1        | 2            |           |           | 8         |           |          |                 |           |           | 37  |  |       |
| Willet                      |                 |          |          |          | 1            |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| Spotted Sandpiper           |                 | 2        |          |          | 2            | 4         |           | 2         |           |          | 7               |           |           | 17  |  |       |
| Common Snipe                | 1               |          |          |          |              | 6         |           | 2         |           |          |                 |           |           | 9   |  |       |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |                 |          | 10       |          | 1            |           |           | 10        |           |          |                 |           |           | 21  |  |       |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 | 3        | 20       |          |              |           |           |           |           | 2        |                 |           |           | 25  |  |       |
| California Gull             |                 |          | 12       |          | 14           |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 26  |  |       |
| Forsler's Tern              |                 |          | 2        |          |              |           |           |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 2   |  |       |
| Black Tern                  |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           | 1         |           |          |                 |           |           | 1   |  |       |
| Rock Dove                   | 12              | 1        | 10       |          | 22           |           | 9         |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 54  |  |       |
| Band-tailed Pigeon          |                 |          |          |          |              |           | 3         |           |           |          |                 |           |           | 3   |  |       |
| Mourning Dove               | 6               | 12       | 25       | 13       | 45           |           | 13        |           | 5         | 3        |                 | 1         |           | 123 |  |       |

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| Great Horned Owl              | 3               | 1        | 2        | 2        |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Burrowing Owl                 |                 |          | 8        |          |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Common Nighthawk              |                 | 1        | 4        |          | 12           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 17    |
| Black Swift                   | (y)             |          |          | (1a,1j)  | 56           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 56    |
| White-throated Swift          | 12              |          |          |          | 35           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 47    |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      | 2               | 6        |          |          | 3            | 15        | 21        | 10        | 14        | 7               | 12        | 23        | 15        | 128   |
| Belted Kingfisher             |                 | 1        |          | 1        |              |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 3     |
| Lewis's Woodpecker            |                 |          |          |          | 8            |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Williamson's Sapsucker        |                 |          |          |          |              | 3         |           |           |           |                 | 1         | 2         | 3         | 9     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker           |                 |          |          |          |              | 4         | 2         | 10        |           |                 |           |           |           | 16    |
| Downy Woodpecker              |                 | 2        | 1        |          |              | 1         | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 7     |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |                 |          |          |          | 1            | 1         | 2         |           | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Northern Flicker              | 2               | 9        | 2        | 3        | 1            | 6         | 2         | 4         | 2         | 3               | 2         |           | 2         | 38    |
| "Red-shafted" race            |                 | (9)      |          | (3)      | (1)          |           | (2)       | (4)       |           |                 |           |           |           | (19)  |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher        |                 |          |          |          |              |           | 1         |           | 1         |                 |           | 1         |           | 3     |
| Western Wood-Pewee            |                 | 25       | 4        | 1        | 7            |           | 12        | 6         | 2         |                 | 3         |           | 1         | 61    |
| Least Flycatcher              |                 | 10       |          | (h)      |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Dusky Flycatcher              |                 |          |          |          |              |           | 2         | 3         |           |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        |                 |          |          |          |              | 1         | 16        |           |           |                 | 14        | 4         | 2         | 37    |
| Empidonax sp.                 |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Say's Phoebe                  |                 |          | 6        |          | 2            |           | 1         | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Western Kingbird              |                 | 3        | 20       | 5        | 18           |           |           |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 49    |
| Eastern Kingbird              |                 | 1        | 2        | 2        |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 |          | 6        |          |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Gray Vireo                    |                 |          |          |          | 1            |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo               |                 | 1        |          |          | 2            |           | 1         |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 5     |
| Warbling Vireo                |                 | 20       |          |          |              | 20        | 31        | 7         |           | 1               |           | 5         | 1         | 85    |
| Steller's Jay                 | 1               |          |          |          | 4            | 4         | 9         |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 21    |
| Blue Jay                      |                 | 2        | 4        |          |              |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |          |          |          | 8            |           |           |           |           | 4               |           | 1         |           | 13    |
| Clark's Nutcracker            |                 |          |          |          | 9            |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 12    |
| Black-billed Magpie           |                 | 3        | 2        | 26       | 24           | 10        | 6         | 10        | 12        | 9               |           | 1         | 2         | 105   |
| American Crow                 | 2               |          | 1        | 16       | 34           | 4         | 1         |           | 5         | 1               | 8         | 3         | 2         | 77    |
| Common Raven                  |                 | 2        |          |          | 8            | 4         | 23        | 5         | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 44    |
| Horned Lark                   |                 |          | 40       |          |              | 4         |           | 15        |           |                 |           |           |           | 59    |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 1        |          |          |              | 2         | 15        | 25        | 4         | 2               | 20        |           | 5         | 74    |
| Violet-green Swallow          |                 |          |          | 2        | 70           | 30        | 28        |           | 27        | 1               | 14        | 9         | 11        | 192   |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 | 8        |          | 3        |              |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 13    |
| Cliff Swallow                 | 37              | 75       | 150      | 20       | 170          | 2         | 4         | 60        |           | 10              | 1         |           |           | 529   |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 | 4        | 20       |          | 30           |           | 2         | 2         | 1         | 1               | 1         |           |           | 61    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        |                 | 6        |          | 1 (h)    |              | 1         | 2         | 1         | 9         | 1               |           | 3         |           | 24    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |                 |          |          |          | 2            |           | 4         |           |           |                 | 3         | 2         | 1         | 12    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |                 |          |          |          |              | 2         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 1        |          |          |              |           | 1         |           | 15        |                 | 4         | 3         | 3         | 27    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 |          |          |          |              | 2         | 4         |           |           |                 |           | 1         | 1         | 8     |
| Brown Creeper                 |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Rock Wren                     |                 |          |          | 1        | 8            | 2         | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 12    |
| Canyon Wren                   |                 |          |          |          |              |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 1     |

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|                                           | 1               | 2   | 8   | 9     | 15-16 | 22       | 23       | 29       | 30  | 4         | 11              | 18  | 25  |           |       |
|                                           | RAP             | CHA | PAW | BLU   | WES   | ROC      | GOL      | HAC      | BRA | CAS       | LAG             | STP | RMP |           |       |
| House Wren                                |                 | 100 | 2   | 5     |       | 10       | 14       | 6        | 3   | 1         | 2               | 6   | 5   | 154       |       |
| Marsh Wren                                |                 |     | 10  |       | 2     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 12        |       |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet                      |                 |     |     |       | 1     | 20       | 13       | 1        |     |           | 6               | 3   | 2   | 46        |       |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher                     |                 | 1   |     |       | 1     |          |          |          |     | 3         |                 |     |     | 5         |       |
| Western Bluebird                          |                 |     |     |       |       | 1        |          |          | 1   | 7         |                 |     | 3   | 12        |       |
| Mountain Bluebird                         |                 |     |     |       |       | 4        | 2        | 5        | 3   | 1         | 9               |     |     | 24        |       |
| Townsend's Solitaire                      |                 |     |     |       | 3     |          | 1        |          |     |           |                 |     | 1   | 5         |       |
| Swainson's Thrush                         |                 |     |     |       |       |          | 1        |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 1         |       |
| Hermit Thrush                             |                 |     |     |       |       | 2        | 1        |          | 2   |           | 1               |     |     | 6         |       |
| American Robin                            | 9               | 40  | 2   | 13    | 21    | 20       | 9        | 8        | 11  | 5         | 6               | 9   | 6   | 159       |       |
| Varied Thrush                             |                 |     |     |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 0         |       |
| Gray Catbird                              |                 | 15  |     |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 15        |       |
| Northern Mockingbird                      |                 |     | 4   |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 4         |       |
| Sage Thrasher                             |                 |     |     |       | 2     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 2         |       |
| Brown Thrasher                            |                 | 1   | 2   |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 3         |       |
| European Starling                         |                 | 1   | 10  | 21    | 65    | 1        | 3        | 4        | 15  | 3 (2a,1i) |                 |     |     | 123       |       |
| American Pipit                            |                 |     |     |       |       | 10       |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 10        |       |
| Cedar Waxwing                             |                 | 3   |     |       | 1     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 4         |       |
| Orange-crowned Warbler                    |                 |     |     |       | 2     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 2         |       |
| Virginia's Warbler                        | 1               |     |     |       | 1     |          | 6        |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 8         |       |
| Yellow Warbler                            |                 | 100 | 1   | 4     | 2     |          | 7        |          |     | 3         | 1               |     |     | 118       |       |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>"Audubon's" race |                 |     |     |       |       | 1<br>(1) | 1<br>(1) | 2<br>(2) | 2   |           | 4               |     |     | 10<br>(4) |       |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler               |                 |     |     |       | 3     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 3         |       |
| American Redstart                         |                 | 1   |     |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 1         |       |
| MacGillivray's Warbler                    |                 |     |     |       |       |          | 4        |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 4         |       |
| Common Yellowthroat                       |                 | 1   | 4   | 2     | 1     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 8         |       |
| Wilson's Warbler                          |                 |     |     |       |       | 2        | 1 (m)    |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 3         |       |
| Yellow-breasted Chat                      |                 | 12  |     |       | 1     |          | 1        |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 14        |       |
| Warbler sp                                |                 |     |     |       |       |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     | 4   | 4         |       |
| Western Tanager                           | 1               |     |     | 1 (m) | 4     | 4        | 6        |          | 12  |           |                 | 3   |     | 31        |       |
| Green-tailed Towhee                       |                 |     |     |       | 6     | 2        | 3        |          |     | 1         |                 |     |     | 12        |       |
| Spotted Towhee                            | 3               | 12  |     |       | 3     |          | 17       |          |     | 7         | 1               |     |     | 43        |       |
| Chipping Sparrow                          |                 |     |     |       |       | 20       | 5        |          | 4   |           | 4               | 8   | 2   | 43        |       |
| Brewer's Sparrow                          |                 |     | 10  |       |       |          | 1        |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 11        |       |
| Vesper Sparrow                            |                 |     |     |       |       |          | 1        | 15       |     |           |                 |     |     | 16        |       |
| Lark Sparrow                              |                 |     | 20  |       | 4     |          |          |          |     |           |                 |     |     | 24        |       |

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## Field Trip Summary Table, June 2002 continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |            |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |  | TUESDAY BIRDERS |            |            |           | TOTAL        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|                             | 1               | 2          | 8           | 9          | 15-16       | 22         | 23         | 29         | 30         |  | 4               | 11         | 18         | 25        |              |
|                             | RAP             | CHA        | PAW         | BLU        | WES         | ROC        | GOL        | HAC        | BRA        |  | CAS             | LAG        | STP        | RMP       |              |
| Lark Bunting                |                 |            | 25          |            |             |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 25           |
| Savannah Sparrow            |                 |            |             |            |             |            |            | 18         |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 18           |
| Song Sparrow                |                 | 3          | 4           | 1 (h)      |             |            | 7          |            | 1          |  | 2               | 1          |            | 3         | 22           |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |                 |            |             |            |             | 6          |            | 4          |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 10           |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                 |            |             |            |             | 2          |            | 6          |            |  |                 | 1          |            |           | 9            |
| Dark lored races            |                 |            |             |            |             |            |            | (6)        |            |  |                 |            |            |           | (6)          |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                 |            |             |            |             | 1          | 3          |            | 8          |  |                 | 7          | 6          | 2         | 27           |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                 |            |             |            |             |            | (3)        |            | (8)        |  |                 |            |            |           | (11)         |
| McCown's Longspur           |                 |            | 10          |            |             |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 10           |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur  |                 |            | 30          |            |             |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 30           |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       |                 | 2          |             |            | 7           | 1          | 3          |            | 3          |  | 6               | 1          | 4          |           | 27           |
| Blue Grosbeak               |                 |            |             |            | 2           |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 2            |
| Lazuli Bunting              | 2               |            |             |            |             |            | 3          |            |            |  | 2               |            |            |           | 7            |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 67              | 10         | 200         | 18         | 60          | 2          | 7          | 16         | 30         |  |                 |            |            | 6         | 416          |
| Western Meadowlark          | 13              | 6          | 100         | 3          | 9           | 1          | 9          | 7          | 1          |  | 6               | 1          |            |           | 156          |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     | 1               |            | 20          |            | 55          |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 76           |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 | 10         |             |            | 25          |            | 12         | 30         |            |  |                 | 6          | 1          |           | 84           |
| Common Grackle              |                 |            | 10          | 23         | 45          |            | 7          |            | 5          |  |                 |            |            |           | 90           |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |                 |            | 3           |            | 2           |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 5            |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        |                 | 1          | 50          | 9          | 6           |            | 14         | 10         | 3          |  | 2               | 4          | 2          |           | 101          |
| Orchard Oriole              |                 |            | 3           |            |             |            |            |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 3            |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                 | 15         | 4           | 2          | 11          |            | 4          |            |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 36           |
| Cassin's Finch              |                 |            |             |            |             |            |            | 4          |            |  |                 |            |            |           | 4            |
| House Finch                 |                 |            |             | 1 (m)      | 6           |            | 8          |            | 19         |  | 5               | 1          | 2          |           | 42           |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |            |             |            |             | 6          | 8          | 4          |            |  |                 | 1          | 7          | 5         | 31           |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |                 | 12         |             |            |             |            | 3          | 1          |            |  | 3               |            | 3          |           | 22           |
| "Green-backed" race         |                 |            |             |            |             |            | (3)        |            |            |  | (1)             |            |            |           | (4)          |
| "Black-backed" race         |                 |            |             |            |             |            |            | (1)        |            |  | (1)             |            |            |           | (2)          |
| American Goldfinch          |                 | 15         | 2           | 7          | 3           |            | 8          |            |            |  | 9               |            |            |           | 44           |
| House Sparrow               |                 |            | 50          | 1          | 80          | 4          | 2          | 4          | 26         |  | 1               |            |            |           | 168          |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>    | <b>272</b>      | <b>826</b> | <b>1174</b> | <b>248</b> | <b>1643</b> | <b>256</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>596</b> | <b>270</b> |  | <b>130</b>      | <b>163</b> | <b>116</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>6,017</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>        | <b>32</b>       | <b>58</b>  | <b>74</b>   | <b>40</b>  | <b>83</b>   | <b>49</b>  | <b>70</b>  | <b>59</b>  | <b>40</b>  |  | <b>38</b>       | <b>38</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>160</b>   |

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### Summary of birds seen on the Ecuador and Galapagos trip March 1 through March 25, led by Norm Erthal.

A staggering total of 659 species seen and heard in mainland Ecuador.

Some amazing numbers for families were: tanagers - 102; flycatchers - 93; hummingbirds - 60; antbirds - 34; furnariids - 34 otherwise known as ovenbirds, not to be confused with the warbler; woodpeckers -21

The Galapagos added another 60 species including 27 of the 29 endemic or near endemic species.

The mountain portion of the Ecuador trip was attended by myself, Marlene Eggerling, Tammy Ellsworth, Gail Evans, Randy Lentz, Joe Roller (did not go to Galapagos), and Ira Sanders of DFO, and Randy Yuen of Colorado Springs. Participants in the remainder of the trip which consisted of Sacha Lodge in the Amazon basin were Pam and Brad Erthal, Lee and Marilyn Rowe of DFO along with Kathleen Stewart of Denver, Pat Gould of Woodland Park, Peter and Jerie Roxburgh of Calgary, Alberta and Dona Coates of Cox's Creek, Kentucky.

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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

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## Birding Costa Rica With Bill Turner and Jerry Raskin Wednesday September 4, 7:40 pm

We return to our monthly meetings next month to feature Birding in Costa Rica. Our presenter, Bill Turner, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, has a bachelor's degree in zoology from Ohio State University and a master's degree in education from California State University-Los Angeles. Prior to coming to Denver, he was employed by the Los Angeles Zoo in a variety of capacities including curator of reptiles and acting assistant director of scientific services.

For more information, please turn to page 9.



*The Resplendent Quetzal*

## DFO Field Trips for September 2002

### September 1, Sunday

*N.E. Colorado (NEC)*

**Leader:** Joey Kellner 303-978-1748

Meet leader at 0530 at the Colorado Division of Wildlife parking lot located at 6060 N. Broadway. Exit 1-25 at 58th and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Bring bug spray and beware of poison ivy! All day trip, bring lunch and extra water. There will be a \$3.00 per vehicle charge at Prewitt Reservoir.

### September 7, Saturday

*Cherry Creek State Park (CCP)*

**Leader:** Mary Burger 303-771-3431. Meet leader at 0730 at west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch. State Parks pass required.

### September 8, Sunday

*Lyons area (LYO)*

**Leader:** Raymond Davis 303-823-5332. Meet leader at 0830 at Park n Ride located in Lyons 1/2 block south of the only traffic light in town by the library. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

## Fall Count Schedule - 2002

Thursday, Sept. 12

*Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)*

**Leaders:** J. B. Hayes 303-798-9683. Meet at 0700 at west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. State Parks Pass required.

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**DFO Field Trips for September 2002, continued****Friday, Sept. 13****Lower Bear Creek (LBC)**

**Leader:** Tamie Bulow 303-462-1238. Meet at 0700 at northwest corner of Hampden (US 285) and S. Sheridan Blvd., in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

**Saturday, Sept. 14****Waterton Canyon (WAT)**

**Leader:** Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion. Turn left immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road, off S. Wadsworth Blvd, and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon. This will be a downstream 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

**Barr Lake State Park (BLK)**

**Leader:** Dick Schottler 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. Take I-76 east to Bomley Lane (exit 22). East on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road. Go south 2 miles to park entrance on right. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake (or equivalent). State Parks pass required.

**Chatfield State Park (CSP)**

**Leader:** Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at west entrance to park off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C470. State Parks Pass required.

**Sunday Sept. 15****Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)**

**Leader:** Randy Lentz 303-680-3381. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks pass required.

**Barr Lake periphery (BLP)**

**Leader:** Jackie King 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 at intersection of Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane (exit 22 on I-76 east). This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

**September 21, Saturday****Rigli Ranch (RIG)**

**Leader:** Joe Rigli 970-483-5200. Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. Call Dianna Johnston for carpool information. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. Do NOT turn north, but continue east on Morgan county road F for another 14 miles to CR 14, turn left (north) on CR 14 and go about 2 miles to the first white house on the left where two boxcars are visible. All day trip, bring lunch and extra water.

**September 22, Sunday****Chatfield State Park (CHA)**

**Leader:** Tamie Bulow 303-462-1238. Meet leader at 0730 at fee station inside west entrance of park, off of S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C470. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Park pass required.

**September 28, Saturday****Barr Lake State Park (BAR)**

**Leader:** Lynn Wilcockson 303-757-7000. Meet leader at 0800 at Barr Lake Nature Center. Take I-76 east to Bomley Lane (exit 22). Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road. Go south 2 miles to park entrance on the right. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch and extra water. State Park pass required.

**September 29, Sunday****Lair O the Bear**

**Leader:** Karleen Schofield 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0730 at RTD Park n Ride at W. 4th Ave & Union (east side of road). Park in the upper lot. Will walk 3 miles on dirt trails. Half day trip, lunch optional.

**Scheduled by Dianna Johnston**

**Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck: Sunday, August 25 at Castlewood Canyon State Park**

We invite all DFO members to join us in hosting a pot luck lunch on August 25 at one of the Castlewood Canyon State Park picnic pavilions to honor all of the volunteers. The pot luck will start at 12:00 noon and will continue until we decide to leave. Soft drinks, along with paper plates/plasticware/napkins/cups, will be provided by the DFO. Meet leader J. B. Hayes at 7 am for some birding before the picnic. Such a deal— we can bird and celebrate same day, same place! To get to the Castlewood Canyon State Park (picnic pavilions), take Highway 83 south from Franktown. Go approximately five miles to the Park entrance. Turn right into the Park. Drive past the Visitor Center to the last parking area. The pavilions are visible from there. State Parks pass required if you are planning to bird in the morning, or after lunch. Please join us in honoring our volunteers, and please bring a favorite dish to share. Castlewood Canyon web site is <http://parks.state.co.us/castlewood>.

**Hummingbirds: Calliope, and Black-chinned!**

Tina Jones opened her yard for Hummingbird viewing again this summer—until September 25. Best times to see hummers is early morning, till 9 am, or in the evening from, 6:30 pm until just before dark. Calliopes build in numbers from the third week in July to the second week in August under normal climatic conditions. They come through the yard after these dates, through about September 15, but they are in very small numbers. Males generally arrive first during the migration period, followed by immatures & females. Black-chinned show up any time, with usually only one at a time in the yard, and that individual is typically a female. Last summer 11 different males showed up as a nice surprise. The Rufous arrived about the end of July, with Broad-tailed coming July-September. Directions: From W. Quincy & S. Sheridan go south on Sheridan to first stop sign. Turn right on Sunset, go west on Sunset to Bow Mar Drive and turn right at the second stop sign, onto Bow Mar. 4400 Bow Mar Drive is the address, and is the first driveway on your right. Do not park in driveway, but park on street. Walk to patio which is next to garage. Go through patio to where chairs are set up for viewing. Please do not walk all around yard, since vegetative conditions are dry. Leave a message on Tina's voicemail, 303-794-2647, as to when you might be arriving. There is no need to wait for a reply back. Just come!

**Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival!**

If you enjoy birds and birdwatching, you won't want to miss the Fall Birding Festival at Barr Lake State Park! Birders of all ability levels are invited to join us on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a delightful day of events and activities designed to celebrate the joy of birds and birdwatching. Through guided walks, activities, and interaction with live birds and birding enthusiasts, The Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival aims to celebrate birds, migration, and the importance of providing great places for birds to thrive. Here are just a few of the great activities the Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival has to offer:

- Guided bird walks
- Migratory bird banding research station
- Activities for kids
- Take a driving tour of the wildlife refuge
- Bird feeding and ID specialists
- Live birds of prey
- FREE COFFEE and low-cost snacks

Admission to the festival is \$1 per person. Proceeds from the festival will benefit prairie restoration efforts at Barr Lake State Park. Scout troops and other organized groups are welcome! For more information (including details on walk start times) on the Fall Birding Festival at Barr Lake, please contact the Barr Lake Nature Center at 303-659-6005. *The Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival is supported by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Wild Birds Unlimited, Adams County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, and Pentax.*

**Welcome New Members!**

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No contributions to our funds this month.

## Field Trip Summaries for July 2002

### July 6, Saturday *Gregory Canyon, (GCA)*

**Leader(s):** Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Ted Floyd, Cheryl Ford, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Joan Little, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Rayliesh Rush, Glenn and Laurie Walbek, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pinyon and spruce canyon; elev. 6000'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind calm; temp. not noted. **Totals:** 51 Species, 233 Individuals.

### July 5-7, Friday-Sunday *North Park, (NOR)*

**Leader(s):** Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Gail Campell, Bob Hutchinson, Chuck Lowrie, Pat Ryan, Sue Schulman, Shirley Spencer, Jim Swar (FL). **Time:** 0900 on Fri to 1300 on Sun. **Distance:** 150 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, sagebrush, grasslands, mountain woodlands, riparian. **Weather:** Mostly calm; wind not noted; temp. 55-80 °F. **Totals:** 61 Species, 2586 Individuals.

### July 14, Sunday *Upper White Ranch, (UWR)*

**Leader(s):** Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Tom Burger, Bob Hutchinson, Pat Ryan, Sue Schulman, Bill Turner, Les Tyralla. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, grasslands, forest. **Weather:** Clear; wind 0-8 mph; temp. 70-85 °F. **Totals:** 48 Species, 209 Individuals.

### July 20, Saturday *Mount Evans and Filius Park, (MEV)*

**Leader(s):** Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Joan Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Tamie Bulow, Guy Eosso (NJ), Warren Finch, Jill Goddard (MA), Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Gordon and Paula Hodgson, Joan Little, Chuck Lowrie, Calaine Ohmer, Les TGyralla (MA), Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 46 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, subalpine, Alpine; elev. 7800-12,800'. **Weather:** Clear to mostly cloudy; wind variable, 0-15 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 144 Individuals.

### July 21, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park, (BAR)*

**Leader(s):** Loch Kilpatrick. **Observers:** Daniela Heck-Garrett, Charlie Lawrence, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700-?. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir; elev. 5000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 60-82 °F. **Totals:** 61 Species, 621 Individuals.

### July 27, Saturday *Bluff Lake Nature Area, (BLA)*

**Leader(s):** David Laliberte. **Observers:** Pat Ryan, Lynn Sahnks, Les Tyralla, Diana Wilson, Robin Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 1 miles by car, 2.75 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, wind SSW, 0-10 mph; temp. 75-87 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 133 Individuals.

### July 28, Sunday *Lake Hutton, WY, (LHU)*

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** David Laliberte. **Time:** 0710-2030. **Distance:** 331 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, riparian, reservoirs, cattail marsh, coniferous woodland; elev. 5000-8000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SW to NW, 0-25 mph; temp. 70-90 °F. **Totals:** 70 Species, 636 Individuals.

## TUESDAY BIRDERS

### July 2, Tuesday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park, (GGC)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, ponds, aspens, Ponderosa, Blue Spruce; elev. 8100-9500'. **Weather:** Clear to Mostly cloudy; wind variable, 0-10 mph; temp. 79-94 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 85 Individuals.

### July 9, Tuesday *Mount Evans, (MEV)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** tundra, lakes, Ponderosa, Lodgepole & Bristlecone Pine, Aspen & some riparian; elev. 9000-12,930. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy; wind SE, 5-10 mph; temp. 79-84 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 130 Individuals.



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### July 16, Tuesday *Silverthorne Area, (SIL)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 15. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 26 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, conifer, Aspen & willow; elev. 8790'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind Calm; temp. 67-79 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 115 Individuals.

### July 23, Tuesday *Georgetown and Guanella Pass, (GUA)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 12. **Time:** 0930-1330. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lodgepole Pine, Aspen, willow, tundra, riparian, spruce & woodlands; elev. 8500-11,669'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with some showers; wind S, 0-2-5 mph; temp. 62-70 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 54 Individuals.

### July 30, Tuesday *Pine Valley Ranch Open Space, (PVR)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 19. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir & grassy meadows; elev. 7200'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind E, 0-5 mph; temp. 70-82 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 94 Individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 6               | 5-7 | 14  | 20  | 21  | 27  | 28  | 2               | 9   | 16  | 23  | 30  |       |
|                             | GCA             | NOR | UWR | MEV | BAR | BLA | LHU | GGC             | MEV | SIL | GUA | PVR |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 | 12  |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 13    |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 | 42  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 42    |
| Western Grebe               |                 | 2   |     |     | 15  |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 17    |
| American White Pelican      |                 | 78  |     |     | 35  |     | 17  |                 |     |     |     |     | 130   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 | 27  |     |     | 36  |     | 11  |                 |     |     |     |     | 74    |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 | 2   | 1   |     | 8   |     | 6   |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 18    |
| Great Egret                 |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 25  |                 |     |     |     |     | 25    |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 5     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 | 3   |     |     | 4   |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| Turkey Vulture              | 2               | 7   | 2   |     |     |     | 9   |                 | 9   | 1   |     | 4   | 34    |
| Canada Goose                |                 | 512 |     |     | 62  |     | 16  |                 |     | 10  |     |     | 600   |
| Gadwall                     |                 | 10  |     |     |     |     | 7   |                 |     |     |     |     | 17    |
| American Wigeon             |                 | 26  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 26    |
| Mallard                     |                 | 204 |     | 21  | 25  | 1   | 5   |                 | 1   | 3   | 2   |     | 262   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 | 17  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 17    |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 | 6   |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Northern Pintail            |                 | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Green-winged Teal           |                 | 13  |     |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Rodhead                     |                 | 2   |     |     | 15  |     | 15  |                 |     |     |     |     | 32    |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 | 18  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 18    |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Common Merganser            |                 | 55  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 55    |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 | 22  |     |     | 5   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 27    |
| Osprey                      |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 1     |

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|                                        | 6<br>GCA        | 5-7<br>NOR | 14<br>UWR | 20<br>MEV | 21<br>BAH | 27<br>BLA | 28<br>LHU | 2<br>GGC        | 9<br>MEV | 16<br>SIL | 23<br>GUA | 30<br>PVR |           |
| Northern Harrier                       |                 | 4          |           |           |           |           | 7         |                 |          |           |           |           | 11        |
| Cooper's Hawk                          | 1               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| accipiter sp.                          |                 |            | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| Swainson's Hawk                        |                 | 3          |           |           | 4         | 3         | 11        |                 |          |           |           |           | 21        |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>western races       |                 | 2          | 1         | 1<br>(1)  |           |           | 1         | 1               | 1        |           |           |           | 7<br>(1)  |
| buteo sp.                              |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 1         |
| Golden Eagle                           | 1               | 2          |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |
| American Kestrel                       |                 | 1          | 2         |           |           |           | 2         |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 6         |
| Prairie Falcon                         |                 |            |           |           |           |           | 4         |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |
| Greater Sage Grouse                    |                 | 15         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 15        |
| Virginia Rail                          |                 | 1          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| American Coot                          |                 | 272        |           |           | 16        |           | 25        |                 |          |           |           |           | 313       |
| Killdeer                               |                 | 19         |           |           | 21        | 6         | 19        |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 66        |
| American Avocet                        |                 | 11         |           |           |           |           | 12        |                 |          |           |           |           | 23        |
| Greater Yellowlegs                     |                 |            |           |           | 1         |           | 5         |                 |          |           |           |           | 6         |
| Lesser Yellowlegs                      |                 |            |           |           | 1         |           | 5         |                 |          |           |           |           | 6         |
| Solitary Sandpiper                     |                 |            |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 2         |
| Willet                                 |                 | 15         |           |           | 3         |           | 2         |                 |          |           |           |           | 20        |
| Spotted Sandpiper                      |                 | 6          |           | 2         | 10        |           | 2         |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 21        |
| Marbled Godwit                         |                 |            |           |           | 15        |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 15        |
| Least Sandpiper                        |                 |            |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| Baird's Sandpiper                      |                 |            |           |           | 52        |           | 9         |                 |          |           |           |           | 61        |
| Long-billed Dowitcher                  |                 |            |           |           | 18        |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 18        |
| Common Snipe                           |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 1         |
| Wilson's Phalarope                     |                 | 19         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 19        |
| Franklin's Gull                        |                 | 2          |           |           | 12        |           | 4         |                 |          |           |           |           | 18        |
| Ring-billed Gull                       |                 |            |           |           | 52        |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 55        |
| California Gull                        |                 | 200        |           |           | 7         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 207       |
| Forster's Tern                         |                 | 4          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |
| Black Tern                             |                 |            |           |           | 8         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 8         |
| Rock Dove                              | 2               | 6          | 6         |           | 3         | 7         | 10        |                 |          | 3         |           |           | 37        |
| Band-tailed Pigeon                     |                 |            |           | 5         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 5         |
| Mourning Dove                          | 3               | 7          | 5         |           | 22        | 12        | 10        | 2               |          |           |           |           | 61        |
| Great Horned Owl                       | 1               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| Burrowing Owl                          |                 |            |           |           | 4         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |
| Common Nighthawk                       |                 | 44         |           |           |           |           | 7         |                 |          |           |           |           | 51        |
| White-throated Swift                   | 5               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 5         |
| Calliope Hummingbird                   |                 |            |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 2         |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird               | 13              | 12         | 8         | 8         |           |           | 2         | 5               | 13       | 5         | 1         | 8         | 75        |
| Rufous Hummingbird                     | 1               |            |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |                 | 2        |           | 1         |           | 6         |
| hummingbird sp.                        |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 2         |           | 2         |
| Belted Kingfisher                      |                 | 3          |           |           |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |
| Williamson's Sapsucker                 |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          | 3         | 1         |           | 5         |
| Red-naped Sapsucker                    |                 | 11         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 3         |           |           | 14        |
| Downy Woodpecker                       | 2               |            |           |           | 1         | 1         |           |                 |          | 2         |           |           | 6         |
| Hairy Woodpecker                       |                 |            |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1               |          |           | 1         |           | 3         |
| Northern Flicker<br>"Red-shafted" race | 1               | 1          | 2<br>(2)  |           | 1         | 4<br>(4)  | 3<br>(3)  | 2               | 1        | 2         |           | 1         | 18<br>(9) |

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| Olive-sided Flycatcher        |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 1     |
| Western Wood-Pewee            | 5               | 3          | 4         | 1         | 3         |           | 2         | 1               |          |           |           | 1         | 20    |
| Dusky Flycatcher              |                 |            |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        | 3               |            |           | 3         |           |           |           | 8               | 4        | 2         |           | 2         | 22    |
| empidonax sp.                 |                 | 1          | 4         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 5     |
| Say's Phoebe                  |                 |            |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |            | 2         |           |           | 5         | 24        |                 |          |           |           |           | 31    |
| Eastern Kingbird              |                 |            |           |           |           | 3         | 5         |                 |          |           |           |           | 8     |
| White-eyed Vireo              | 1               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo               | 4               |            | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 6     |
| Warbling Vireo                | 19              | 3          | 3         | 1         |           |           | 1         | 4               | 1        | 2         |           |           | 34    |
| Gray Jay                      |                 | 3          |           | 5         |           |           |           |                 | 4        |           |           | 1         | 13    |
| Steller's Jay                 | 10              | 2          | 3         | 2         |           |           | 1         |                 | 3        | 7         | 3         | 4         | 35    |
| Blue Jay                      | 2               |            |           |           | 6         | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 9     |
| Western Scrub-Jay             | 2               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Clark's Nutcracker            |                 |            |           | 3         |           |           |           |                 | 8        |           |           |           | 11    |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 1               | 2          | 4         | 3         | 6         | 10        | 3         | 1               |          |           |           |           | 30    |
| American Crow                 | 2               | 28         | 1         | 14        |           |           | 8         | 6               | 2        | 4         | 1         | 2         | 68    |
| Common Raven                  |                 | 2          | 3         | 8         |           |           | 3         |                 | 4        | 1         |           |           | 21    |
| Horned Lark                   |                 | 8          |           |           |           |           | 28        |                 |          |           |           |           | 36    |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 13         | 2         | 4         | 6         |           |           |                 | 1        | 2         |           |           | 28    |
| Violet-green Swallow          | 5               | 4          | 30        | 5         |           |           | 41        | 1               | 3        | 6         | 4         | 14        | 113   |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |            |           |           | 3         | 4         | 5         |                 |          |           |           |           | 12    |
| Bank Swallow                  |                 |            |           |           |           |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 3     |
| Cliff Swallow                 | 1               | 546        | 10        |           | 7         | 1         | 46        | 1               |          | 2         |           |           | 614   |
| Barn Swallow                  | 2               | 1          | 1         |           | 5         | 2         | 31        |                 |          |           |           | 5         | 47    |
| swallow sp.                   |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           | 4               |          |           |           |           | 4     |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 3               | 2          | 4         | 3         | 3         | 4         | 3         | 3               | 6        | 6         |           | 6         | 43    |
| Mountain Chickadee            | 1               | 2          |           | 4         |           |           |           | 2               | 3        | 3         | 6         | 3         | 24    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |                 |            | 1         | 1         | 1         |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 4     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 |            | 1         | 1         |           |           | 1         |                 | 1        |           |           |           | 4     |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 |            |           | 3         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 3     |
| Brown Creeper                 |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 1     |
| Canyon Wren                   | 2               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| House Wren                    | 2               | 2          | 2         | 2         | 10        | 4         | 3         | 3               |          |           |           | 2         | 30    |
| Marsh Wren                    |                 | 7          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 7     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |                 | 6          |           |           |           |           | 2         | 4               | 4        | 3         |           |           | 19    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         | 2               |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Western Bluebird              |                 |            |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Mountain Bluebird             |                 | 12         | 6         |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           |           | 19    |
| Townsend's Solitaire          |                 | 1          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Swainson's Thrush             |                 | 1          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 3         |           |           | 4     |
| Hermit Thrush                 |                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           | 1         |           | 2     |
| American Robin                | 3               | 9          | 2         | 3         | 22        | 1         | 7         | 15              | 10       | 5         | 4         | 3         | 84    |
| Gray Catbird                  | 25              |            | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2         | 28    |
| Sage Thrasher                 |                 | 14         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 14    |
| European Starling             |                 |            |           |           | 10        |           | 55        |                 | 3        |           |           |           | 68    |
| American Pipit                |                 |            |           | 7         |           |           |           |                 | 7        |           |           |           | 14    |
| Cedar Waxwing                 |                 |            | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 4         | 6     |

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|                                           | GCA             | NOR      | UWR      | MEV      | BAR | BLA | LHU      | GGC             | MEV | SIL | GUA | PVR |           |
| Virginia's Warbler                        | 3               |          | 1        |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 4         |
| Yellow Warbler                            | 1               | 32       | 2        |          | 3   |     | 1        |                 |     | 6   | 2   | 4   | 51        |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>"Audubon's" race |                 |          | 2<br>(2) | 2<br>(2) |     |     | 2<br>(2) | 6               | 6   |     | 2   | 1   | 21<br>(6) |
| Ovenbird                                  | 1               |          |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 1         |
| MacGillivray's Warbler                    | 3               |          |          |          |     |     |          | 1               |     | 2   |     |     | 6         |
| Common Yellowthroat                       |                 |          |          |          | 2   |     | 1        |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Wilson's Warbler                          |                 | 2        |          | 2        |     |     | 1        | 3               |     |     | 2   |     | 10        |
| Yellow-breasted Chat                      | 7               |          |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 7         |
| Western Tanager                           | 11              |          | 8        |          |     |     |          | 3               |     | 1   |     |     | 23        |
| Green-tailed Towhee                       | 1               |          | 4        | 2        |     |     |          | 1               |     |     |     |     | 8         |
| Spotted Towhee                            | 26              |          | 26       |          |     |     |          |                 | 2   |     |     |     | 54        |
| Chipping Sparrow                          |                 |          | 1        | 6        |     |     |          | 3               | 5   |     |     | 8   | 23        |
| Brewer's Sparrow                          |                 | 6        |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 6         |
| Vesper Sparrow                            |                 | 1        |          |          |     |     | 2        |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Lark Sparrow                              |                 | 5        |          |          |     | 3   | 6        |                 |     |     |     | 2   | 16        |
| Savannah Sparrow                          |                 | 6        |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 6         |
| Fox Sparrow                               |                 |          |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 1         |
| Song Sparrow                              | 1               |          | 1        | 1        | 1   | 2   | 4        | 2               |     |     |     | 2   | 14        |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                         |                 | 6        |          | 2        |     |     |          |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 9         |
| White-crowned Sparrow                     |                 | 8        |          | 1        |     |     |          | 6               |     |     | 10  |     | 25        |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>"Gray-headed" race     |                 | 4<br>(4) | 4        | 1        |     |     |          | 7               | 2   |     | 7   | 1   | 26<br>(8) |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak                    |                 | 1        |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 1         |
| Black-headed Grosbeak                     | 11              | 1        | 2        |          |     |     |          | 1               |     |     |     | 1   | 16        |
| Lazuli Bunting                            | 1               |          | 1        |          | 1   |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Bobolink                                  | 3               |          |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Red-winged Blackbird                      | 3               | 4        | 2        |          | 12  | 5   | 21       | 4               |     | 4   |     | 5   | 60        |
| Western Meadowlark                        |                 | 1        | 3        |          | 6   | 3   | 5        | 1               |     |     |     |     | 21        |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird                   |                 | 18       |          |          |     |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 18        |
| Brewer's Blackbird                        |                 | 14       |          |          |     |     | 3        |                 |     |     |     |     | 17        |
| Common Grackle                            | 4               |          |          |          | 8   | 1   | 13       |                 |     |     |     |     | 26        |
| Brown-headed Cowbird                      | 6               | 47       | 1        |          | 3   |     |          | 1               | 2   | 2   |     |     | 62        |
| Orchard Oriole                            |                 |          |          |          | 3   |     |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Bullock's Oriole                          |                 |          | 1        |          | 15  | 3   |          |                 |     |     |     |     | 19        |
| Brown-capped Rosy-Finch                   |                 |          |          |          |     |     |          | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1         |
| Pine Grosbeak                             |                 |          |          | 1        |     |     |          |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 2         |
| House Finch                               | 9               |          | 12       | 8        | 2   | 9   | 9        | 1               |     |     |     |     | 50        |
| Red Crossbill                             |                 |          |          | 1        |     |     | 2        |                 |     |     |     |     | 3         |
| Pine Siskin                               | 4               | 4        |          | 2        |     |     |          |                 | 6   | 1   |     | 5   | 22        |
| Lesser Goldfinch                          | 5               |          | 14       |          |     |     | 2        |                 |     |     |     | 3   | 24        |
| American Goldfinch                        | 2               | 4        | 8        |          | 4   | 13  | 1        | 1               |     |     |     |     | 33        |
| House Sparrow                             | 4               | 12       |          |          | 8   | 20  | 32       |                 |     | 1   | 2   |     | 79        |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS                         | 233             | 2586     | 209      | 144      | 621 | 133 | 536      | 85              | 130 | 115 | 54  | 94  | 5,040     |
| TOTAL SPECIES                             | 51              | 61       | 48       | 41       | 61  | 28  | 70       | 30              | 32  | 43  | 19  | 26  | 159       |

## Observation Legend

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

**Birding Costa Rica with Bill Turner and Jerry Raskin****Wednesday September 4 - 7:30 p.m.****Birding Costa Rica****Wednesday September 4, 7:30pm**

For almost 22 years, Bill Turner worked at the Denver Zoo, heading up the Education Department. Since retiring from the zoo in 1999, he has been leading wildlife tours to Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and five tours in Costa Rica - the focus of this feature presentation.

From tropical dry forests to lush rainforests and from sea level to mountaintops, come explore this fascinating tropical country which, while small (about the size of West Virginia), has recorded more bird species - over 850 - than the entire continent of North America north of the Mexican border.



Scarlet macaws, blue-crowned motmots, hummingbirds, flycatchers, toucans, tanagers and, of course, the magnificent resplendent quetzal - all of these birds and more - plus other wildlife such as peccaries, monkeys, sloths, coatis, and butterflies will be discussed.

**Enjoy Bill's commentary and Jerry's excellent slides, do join us !**

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**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

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**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

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## "Birding in Hawaii" Presented by Norm Lewis Wednesday October 2 2002, 7pm



Norm Lewis grew up in Indiana, and received a BS in geology from Indiana University, while becoming an IU basketball fanatic. For his MS, he attended the Northern Arizona University. For the past 23 years he has lived in Lakewood, and have been birding for 18 years.

A past president of Denver Field Ornithologists and current Vice President of Colorado Field Ornithologists, and Norm also leads monthly birding field trips for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. His most recent enterprise is forming a private birding tour company

## DFO Field Trips for October 2002

### October 5, Saturday

#### *Parker Regional Park*

**Leader:** Steve Stachowiak (303-791-4974)

Meet at 0730 at park. From Main Street intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Half-day trip.

### October 6, Sunday

#### *Crow Valley Campground to Lower Latham Reservoir*

**Leader:** Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Meet at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Bring lunch and water for long day of birding. Prairie birds and fall migrants. New members and novice birders welcome.

### October 12, Saturday

#### *Longmont area*

**Leaders:** Chris Owens and Richard Mendez (303-772-6048)

Meet at 0800 at the Safeway store on the southeast corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Pace. From I-25, take exit 240, go west 4 miles on CO119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then north 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Rd. (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.). From Jim Hamm Park go 1 mile west to Safeway parking lot. Bring lunch and water.

### October 13, Sunday

#### *Waterton Canyon area*

**Leader:** Sue Schulman (303-773-3540)

Meet at 0730. From C470 take Wadsworth south past entrance to Chatfield State Park to Waterton Canyon Rd. Turn left and then take first left into parking lot for the Discovery Pavillion. Gather at stone house there. Will bird until noon. If weather and birds are favorable we may go on to Chatfield (Parks Pass needed there).

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## DFO Field Trips for October 2002, continued

### October 19, Saturday

#### *South Platte wanderings in Adams County*

**Leader:** David Laliberte (303-297-1390)

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. One-half day trip; easy walking!

### October 20, Sunday

#### *Roxborough State Park*

**Leader:** Diana Mullineaux (303-278-7245)

Meet at nature center in park at 0830. Take Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park. Turn left onto South Waterton Rd. Drive 1.6 miles to North Rampart Range Rd. Turn right, go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to park (2.2 miles). One-half day trip; lunch optional. State Parks pass needed.

### October 26, Saturday

#### *Barr Lake State Park*

**Leader:** Dick Schottler (303-278-8035)

Meet at 0730 at main entrance to the park. From Denver, take I-76 east to Bromley Lane, exit 22. Then go east on Bromley to Piccadilly Rd., then south about 2 miles to park entrance. One-half day trip; lunch optional. State Parks pass needed.

### October 27, Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME GOES OFF!

#### *Lair O' the Bear*

**Leaders:** Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth (303-278-7172)

Meet at 0730 at RTD Cold Springs Park n' Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of West Sixth Ave. One-half day trip; lunch optional. Foothills species. Easy walking 3-4 miles.

**Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook.**

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## Birds and the Drought

It is a common misconception that when you put up a feeder in the yard it becomes the primary source of food for birds that visit. This year, being perhaps the driest of the last three, has eliminated many of these natural sources of food. Open fields and smaller areas where weeds grow naturally have been so dry that these perennial plants simply did not grow. This lack of natural food creates pressure from competing birds in a habitat area. People with feeders in their backyards have noticed more birds than usual at the feeder this summer and a high rate of consumption. These unusual drought conditions have made feeders in some areas the primary source of food. Competition for food may also create more aggressive behavior between birds as they protect their place in the habitat.

The usual pattern of daily showers would normally create many sources of water from puddles on the ground to standing water in the depressions of rocks. Many of these natural water sources have been non-existent most of the summer creating greater reliance on backyard birdbaths, fountains and ponds. As the weather gets colder, a continuing supply of water will be a vital part of any bird habitat. Until the drought lifts, a backyard habitat offering food and water will be a help to the survival of many birds.

*FT. COLLINS, CO: From the KUNC web site, part of a regular article, written by "Better Bird Watching's" Joe LaFleur.*

## Field Trip Summaries for August 2002

**August 3, Saturday (RMP)**

**Rocky Mountain National Park**

**Leader(s):** Ed Holub. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Gordon Hodgson. **Time:** 0730-1600. **Distance:** 68 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Montane, subalpine, alpine. **Weather:** Cloudy, overcast; wind 0-10 mph; temp. 55-80 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 265 Individuals.

**August 4, Sunday (GGC)**

**Golden Gate Canyon State Park**

**Leader(s):** Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Danella Heck-Garrett, Chuck Thornton-Kolloe, Les Tyralla. **Time:** 0700-1330. **Distance:** 28 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, forest. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 302 Individuals.

**August 10, Saturday (DDR)**

**Doudy Draw - Boulder Area**

**Leader(s):** Myron Plooster. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Mary Jane Black, Barbara Boardman, Bob Evans, Ted Floyd, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson, Joet Normahamgy, Jim Swan, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0815-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland and riparian; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Sunny and warm; wind none; temp. 75-80 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 218 Individuals.

**August 11, Sunday (PAW)**

**Pawnee Grasslands and Lower Latham**

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins, David Laliberte, Rich Stevens. **Time:** 0730-1900. **Distance:** 214 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland, reservoir, marshes and riparian; elev. 4658-5280'. **Weather:** Sunny and warm; wind none; temp. 68-95 °F. **Totals:** 59 Species, 1962 Individuals.

**August 17, Saturday (RIG)**

**Rigli Ranch**

**Leader(s):** Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Marilyn Brenengen, Toni Rautus, Bob Rohwedder, Nina Routh, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, shortgrass prairie, ponds, fields; elev. 4330'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SE, 10-15 mph; temp. 60-90 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 314 Individuals.

**August 18, Saturday (LON)**

**Longmont Area**

**Leader(s):** Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Bob Hutchinson, Charlie Lawrence, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0730-1430. **Distance:** 45 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Fields, riparian, ponds, lake. **Weather:** Clear to cloudy; wind variable, 4-7 mph; temp. 70-85 °F. **Totals:** 69 Species, 1899 Individuals.

**August 24, Saturday (BAR)**

**Barr Lake State Park**

**Leader(s):** Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Chuck Lowrie, Bob Rohwedder, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast to partly cloudy; wind E, 13-18 mph; temp. 55-75 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 374 Individuals.

**March 25, Sunday (CAS)**

**Castlewood Canyon State Park**

Data to be included in next Lark Bunting.

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**Field Trip Summaries for August 2002, continued****August 31, Saturday (PRP)*****Parker Regional Park***

**Leader(s):** Buzz Schaumburg. **Observers:** Marylou Dimond, Bob Hutchinson, Laurie and Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0700-1030. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pond, grassland, riparian; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 60-75 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 522 Individuals.

**Tuesday Birders****August 6, Tuesday (REY)*****Reynolds Park Open Space***

**Leader(s):** Alice Cruse and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, ponderosa, Douglas Fir; elev. 7300'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 58-66 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 157 Individuals.

**August 13, Tuesday (KEN)*****Kenosha Pass - East Side***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900-1330. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, ponderosa, Douglas Fir, Aspen, grassy woodland; elev. 10,00-10,400. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SW, 0-10 mph; temp. 59-68 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 113 Individuals.

**August 20, Tuesday (UWR)*****Upper White Ranch Open Space***

**Leader(s):** Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa, woodlands, grassy meadows; elev. 5675-7650'. **Weather:** Cloudy to showers; wind NW, 0-9 mph; temp. 70-72 °F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 66 Individuals.

**August 27, Tuesday (BOU)*****Boulder - Walden-Sawhill Ponds***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow; elev. 5,363'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind S, 5-12 mph; temp. 66-83 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 293 Individuals.

**Monna Krebs (Compiler)**



## Field Trip Summary Table, August 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 3<br>RMP        | 4<br>GGC | 10<br>DOU | 11<br>PAW | 17<br>RIG | 18<br>LON | 24<br>BAR | 31<br>PRP | 6<br>REY        | 13<br>KEN | 20<br>UWR | 27<br>BOU |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 14        |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 16    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |          |           |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Western Grebe               |                 |          |           | 5         |           | 400       | 6         |           |                 |           |           |           | 411   |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 |          |           | 7         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 7     |
| American White Pelican      |                 |          |           | 60        |           | 43        | 32        |           |                 |           |           |           | 135   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 |          |           | 21        |           | 20        | 18        |           |                 |           |           |           | 59    |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 |          |           | 14        |           | 20        | 2         | 3         |                 |           |           | 3         | 42    |
| Great Egret                 |                 |          |           | 9         |           | 12        |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 22    |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 |          |           | 50        |           | 4         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 54    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |          |           |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Turkey Vulture              |                 |          | 2         |           |           | 3         |           |           | 1               | 1         |           | 10        | 17    |
| Canada Goose                |                 |          |           | 222       |           | 194       | 75        | 70        |                 |           |           | 7         | 568   |
| Gadwall                     |                 |          |           |           |           | 5         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| American Wigeon             |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 6         |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Mallard                     | 9               | 2        |           | 11        |           | 57        | 24        | 2         |                 |           |           | 100       | 205   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Redhead                     |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Common Merganser            |                 |          |           |           |           | 8         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 |          |           |           |           | 6         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Osprey                      |                 |          |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |          |           | 1         | 1         | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 1     |
| Swainson's Hawk             |                 |          |           | 26        | 10        | 5         | 12        |           |                 | 1         | 1         |           | 55    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 1               |          | 1         | 2         | 4         | 6         |           |           | 1               | 1         | 2         | 1         | 19    |
| western races               |                 |          |           |           | 4         | (6)       |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| American Kestrel            |                 |          |           | 7         |           | 10        | 2         | 2         |                 |           | 3         | 2         | 26    |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| American Coot               |                 |          |           | 6         |           | 12        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 18    |
| Killdeer                    |                 |          |           | 47        | 2         | 68        | 15        | 10        |                 |           |           | 11        | 153   |
| Mountain Plover             |                 |          |           | 21        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 21    |
| Black-necked Stilt          |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |                 |          |           |           |           | 12        |           | 3         |                 |           | 3         |           | 18    |
| Solitary Sandpiper          |                 |          |           |           |           | 7         |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Willet                      |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | 1               | 3        |           |           |           | 4         | 2         | 6         |                 |           |           |           | 16    |
| Marbled Godwit              |                 |          |           |           |           | 12        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 12    |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Baird's Sandpiper           |                 |          |           |           |           | 50        | 40        |           |                 |           |           | 2         | 92    |
| Stilt Sandpiper             |                 |          |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 6         |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Common Snipe                | 4               |          |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           | 2         | 8     |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |                 |          |           |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Franklin's Gull             |                 |          |           | 143       |           | 26        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 169   |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 |          |           | 3         |           | 12        | 4         | 27        |                 |           |           | 6         | 52    |
| Forster's Tern              |                 |          |           |           |           | 15        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 15    |
| Black Tern                  |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 8         |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Rock Dove                   |                 |          |           |           |           | 22        | 12        |           |                 |           |           |           | 34    |
| Band-tailed Pigeon          |                 | 7        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 7     |
| Mourning Dove               |                 | 3        | 3         | 109       | 50        | 39        | 10        | 6         |                 |           |           | 3         | 223   |
| Barn Owl                    |                 |          |           |           | 2         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 |          |           |           | 2         |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           | 1         | 4     |
| Burrowing Owl               |                 |          |           | 40        | 12        |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 52    |

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| Common Nighthawk              |                 | 9        |           | 9         | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 19    |
| Calliope Hummingbird          |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 1         | 4         |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      | 8               | 21       | 1         | 1         |           | 3         | 1         | 1         | 16              | 1         | 3         |           | 56    |
| Rufous Hummingbird            |                 | 2        | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 4     |
| Belted Kingfisher             |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 3         |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 5     |
| Williamson's Sapsucker        | 1               | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 3     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker           | 6               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Downy Woodpecker              | 1               | 2        | 1         | 1         |           |           | 2         | 2         | 1               | 2         |           |           | 12    |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Northern Flicker              | 1               | 7        | 1         | 2         | 3         | 1         | 3         | 5         | 5               | 4         | 4         |           | 36    |
| "Red-shafted" race            |                 | (7)      |           | (2)       | (3)       | (1)       | (3)       | (5)       |                 |           |           |           | 21    |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher        |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Western Wood-Pewee            | 3               | 2        | 8         | 29        | 5         | 1         | 2         | 6         |                 | 2         |           |           | 58    |
| Hammond's Flycatcher          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        |                 | 1        |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 5               |           |           |           | 7     |
| empidonax sp.                 | 1               | 4        |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           |           | 7     |
| Say's Phoebe                  |                 |          | 2         | 2         |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |          | 4         | 78        | 4         | 2         | 1         | 26        |                 |           |           | 3         | 118   |
| Eastern Kingbird              |                 |          |           | 6         |           | 3         |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 |          |           | 4         | 3         | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 9     |
| Warbling Vireo                | 3               |          |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           | 1               |           |           |           | 6     |
| Gray Jay                      |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1     |
| Steller's Jay                 | 2               | 23       | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 5               | 4         | 6         |           | 43    |
| Blue Jay                      |                 |          |           | 7         |           | 2         | 2         |           |                 |           |           |           | 11    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |          | 6         |           |           |           |           | 6         |                 |           |           |           | 12    |
| Clark's Nutcracker            | 3               | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 4         |           |           | 9     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 30              | 3        | 8         | 8         |           | 1         | 7         | 2         |                 |           | 2         | 4         | 65    |
| American Crow                 | 2               | 5        |           | 33        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 3         | 43    |
| Common Raven                  | 25              |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2         |           |           | 27    |
| Horned Lark                   | 3               |          |           | 96        | 20        | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 120   |
| Tree Swallow                  | 6               | 6        |           |           |           |           | 12        |           |                 |           |           |           | 24    |
| Violet-green Swallow          | 10              | 32       |           |           |           |           | 1         | 2         |                 | 5         |           | 10        | 60    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |          |           | 5         |           |           | 6         |           |                 |           |           |           | 11    |
| Bank Swallow                  |                 |          |           | 2         |           | 4         |           | 20        |                 |           |           |           | 26    |
| Cliff Swallow                 | 5               |          |           |           | 1         | 2         |           | 2         |                 |           |           | 4         | 14    |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 | 4        | 10        | 57        | 20        | 162       | 6         | 25        |                 |           |           | 38        | 322   |
| swallow sp.                   |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 3         |           | 3     |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 6               | 15       | 2         |           |           | 2         | 15        | 11        | 4               | 2         | 8         | 7         | 72    |
| Mountain Chickadee            | 20              | 18       |           |           |           |           |           |           | 34              | 8         | 6         |           | 86    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         | 1               | 8        |           |           |           |           |           |           | 5               | 4         |           |           | 18    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 10       |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 2               | 2         | 2         |           | 17    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                | 15              |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 5         |           | 20    |
| Brown Creeper                 |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 5               |           |           |           | 5     |
| Canyon Wren                   |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |           |           | 2     |
| House Wren                    | 30              | 12       | 1         |           | 2         | 1         | 4         | 3         | 1               | 2         |           | 1         | 57    |
| Marsh Wren                    |                 |          |           | 6         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | 4               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 5     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         |                 |          | 15        |           |           |           |           | 15        |                 |           |           |           | 30    |
| Western Bluebird              | 3               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Mountain Bluebird             | 5               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 3         | 12        |           | 20    |
| Townsend's Solitaire          | 1               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Hermits Thrush                |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               | 1         |           |           | 2     |
| American Robin                | 7               | 17       | 8         | 11        |           | 1         |           | 1         | 4               | 15        | 2         |           | 66    |
| Northern Mockingbird          |                 |          | 1         |           | 10        |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 11    |
| Sage Thrasher                 |                 |          | 1         | 7         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8     |
| Brown Thrasher                |                 |          |           | 1         | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| European Starling             |                 |          |           | 19        | 5         | 15        | 3         |           | 5               |           |           | 7         | 54    |

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| American Pipit              | 5               |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                 |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Virginia's Warbler          |                 | 2        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Yellow Warbler              |                 |          | 2         |           | 2         | 2         | 11        | 6         | 1               |           |           |           | 24    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 2               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 22        |           |           | 24    |
| "Audubon's" race            | 2               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Townsend's Warbler          |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| American Redstart           |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      | 1               | 5        | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 8     |
| Common Yellowthroat         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 2     |
| Wilson's Warbler            |                 |          |           |           | 1         |           | 2         | 15        |                 |           |           |           | 18    |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |                 |          | 4         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4     |
| Western Tanager             |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 19              |           |           |           | 20    |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | 1               | 4        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           | 3               |           | 2         |           | 12    |
| Spotted Towhee              |                 |          | 15        |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1               |           |           |           | 17    |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 15              | 12       |           | 23        | 2         | 26        |           | 8         | 21              | 1         |           | 20        | 128   |
| Brewer's Sparrow            |                 |          | 20        | 10        | 6         |           |           | 14        |                 |           |           |           | 50    |
| Vesper Sparrow              | 3               |          | 20        |           | 7         | 6         |           | 30        |                 |           |           |           | 66    |
| Lark Sparrow                |                 |          | 20        | 2         | 5         |           |           | 26        |                 |           |           |           | 53    |
| Lark Bunting                |                 |          |           | 110       | 60        |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 171   |
| Savannah Sparrow            | 7               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 8     |
| Song Sparrow                |                 | 18       | 1         |           |           | 2         | 3         |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 25    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           | 2               | 1        |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1               |           |           |           | 5     |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 5               | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 4               | 15       |           |           |           |           |           |           | 6               | 25        | 1         |           | 51    |
| "Gray-headed" race          | 4               | (15)     |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 19    |
| McCown's Longspur           |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 0     |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur  |                 |          |           | 3         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak      |                 |          |           | 50        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 50    |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       |                 | 3        |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 5     |
| Lazuli Bunting              |                 |          | 3         |           |           |           | 1         | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 5     |
| Red-winged Blackbird        |                 |          |           | 256       |           | 189       |           | 71        |                 |           |           | 20        | 536   |
| Western Meadowlark          |                 |          | 15        | 43        | 3         | 6         |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 68    |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                 |          |           | 51        |           | 310       |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 361   |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 10        | 10    |
| Common Grackle              |                 | 2        |           | 31        |           | 13        |           | 12        |                 |           |           |           | 58    |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |                 |          |           | 3         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |       |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        |                 | 2        |           | 2         | 5         |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 2         | 11    |
| Orchard Oriole              |                 |          | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                 |          | 8         | 2         | 1         |           | 4         |           |                 |           |           |           | 15    |
| House Finch                 |                 |          | 5         | 2         |           | 12        | 2         | 13        |                 |           | 1         | 1         | 36    |
| Pine Siskin                 | 2               | 10       | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 14    |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |                 |          | 12        |           |           |           |           | 13        |                 |           |           |           | 25    |
| "Green-backed" race         |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 3     |
| "Black-backed" race         |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 10        |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| American Goldfinch          |                 |          | 6         | 4         | 4         | 6         | 1         | 45        |                 |           |           | 3         | 69    |
| House Sparrow               | 1               |          |           | 236       | 60        | 7         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 304   |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 265             | 302      | 218       | 1962      | 314       | 1899      | 374       | 522       | 157             | 113       | 66        | 293       | 6,482 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 42              | 60       | 40        | 59        | 32        | 69        | 45        | 45        | 32              | 23        | 17        | 37        | 146   |

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**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

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### "A Bird Watcher's Guide to Global Warming" Presented by Jeff Price, Ph.D. Wednesday November 6

Dr. Price was co-author of the joint American Bird Conservancy/National Wildlife Federation publication *The Birdwatcher's Guide to Global Warming* and developed the models used in creating the state fact sheets. He was a lead author on the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report* and the *IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Biodiversity* and contributed text to the Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes Regional Reports of the U.S. National Assessment on Climate Change Impacts on the United States.

Jeff received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University (Michigan) for a study of the potential impacts of climate change on the summer distributions of North American grassland birds, one of the first studies to actually model the potential impacts of climate change on wildlife.

*Please note that due to construction, entrance to the Zoo meeting rooms is from the upper level of the parking garage.*



Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—first state record. Photo by Andrew Spencer.

## DFO Field Trips for November 2002

### November 2, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required. This will be an easy hike on mostly paved trails which could be wheelchair accessible. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, then turn south for approx. 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder or new members.

### November 3, Sunday

Boulder Hawk Run Leaders: Dianna and Wayne Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at the Park and Ride located at Hwy 287 and Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (CO State Hwy 52, Dacono, Ft. Lupton.) Go left at exit: Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on Hwy 287. Go 0.7 miles then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. This is a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. It will be a ¼ day trip, bring lunch, snacks and water.

### November 9, Saturday

Sedalia, Castle Rock and Cherokee Ranch Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Meet leader at 0800 in front of the Post Office in Sedalia. Bring lunch. From the intersection of Hwy 85 and Hwy 105, take Hwy 105 south for 2 blocks. Just before the second set of railroad tracks is the Post Office on the right hand side of the road, facing the railroad tracks. Park in front of the Post Office.

## DFO Field Trips for November 2002, continued

### November 10, Sunday

Big Dry Creek Open Space Leader: John Flavin, 303-412-1306. Meet leader at 0800 west of the library at the west end of the Front Range Community College located on 112<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Sheridan Blvd and Federal Blvd. This will be an easy hike on paved trails, accessible for wheelchair users. This will be a half day trip, lunch optional.

### November 16, Saturday

Longmont Area Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Longmont Safeway. Bring lunch for a ¾ day trip. Meet at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot.

### November 17, Sunday

Birdwatching for the Novice Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0900 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave, and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake. Lunch is optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Be sure to bring binoculars and field guides. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

### November 23, Saturday

South Platte Park Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0900 at the Carson Nature Center. Will walk several miles on easy trails that are wheelchair accessible looking for bald eagles and waterfowl. Lunch is optional, hike will end at noon. The Carson Nature Center will be open at noon so you can enjoy the lovely view from the front porch while you eat lunch or go inside to see the exhibits, if you wish.

### November 24, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265. Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High school to West entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. Gulls and waterfowl should be plentiful and nuthatches, woodpeckers and other winter residents will still be there. State Parks pass required. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

### November 29, Friday (the day after Thanksgiving)

Nebraska Turkey Chase Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0700 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant, Hudson, Colorado. Take I-76 east to Hudson and exit. Park in front of the Pepper Pod sign. We will drive approximately 4 hours to Ash Hollow State Park in Nebraska and spend the day around Lake McConaughy chasing turkeys and whatever birds we can find there. There should be an abundance of waterfowl and some bald eagles. Bring lunch and snacks for a long day. Plan to stop at a moderately priced restaurant on the way back to Denver. Nebraska State Parks pass needed. Please call leader if you plan to go.

### November 30, Saturday

South Platte River Ramblings, North Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-1390. Meet leader at 0800 at 88<sup>th</sup> and the Platte River. This is scheduled to be a half day trip but may go longer, so bring lunch and look for migrating waterfowl. Most of the walking will be on easy, paved trails that are wheelchair accessible. From I-76, take 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. west 1.6 miles to Colorado Blvd. Turn left (south) on Colorado Blvd. then turn left again into the parking lot which is one of the trailheads for the South Platte River Greenway trail system.

### ADVANCE NOTICE!!!!

Plan to join Jackie King December 16-19 for a four day trip to Bosque De La Apache in New Mexico. This is one of the "hot spots" of the winter time birding scene. Participants will share costs and carpool. Group will be staying in a moderately priced motel in Socorro, New Mexico. Details will be in the next month's Lark Bunting and you may contact the leader at 303-287-1644 to make reservations.

## Field Trip Summaries for September 2002

### August 25, Sunday (CAS)

#### Castlewood Canyon

**Leader(s):** JB Hayes. **Observers:** Marilyn Brenengen, Dave Brinkley, Peggy Gonder, Daniela Heck-Garrett, Ed Holub, Bob Hutchinson, Andrew Spencer, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub oak, pine and fir forest, meadows, willow riparian; elev. 5900'. **Weather:** Clear; wind S, 0-10 mph; temp. 56-80 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 185 Individuals.

### September 1, Sunday (NEC)

#### Northeast Colorado

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Joyce and Ray Bonilla, Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Norm Erthal, Gregg Goodrich, Loch Kilpatrick, Charlie Lawrence, Kent Nickell, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Lynn Shanks, Andrew Spencer, Bob Spencer, Steve Stachowiak, Glenn Walbek, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0600-1800. **Distance:** 240 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, prairie; elev. 4000-4600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SW, 0-10 mph; temp. 58-92 °F. **Totals:** 126 Species, 6347 Individuals.

### September 7, Saturday (CCR)

#### Cherry Creek State Park

**Leader(s):** Mary Burger. **Observers:** Mary Geder, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Carol Larsen, Janet McGuire, Sigurd Nelson, Peggy Roberts, Sue Schulman, Diane Wagner, Joan Whiting, Carol Wilson, Ruth Ann and Robert Zortman. **Time:** 0730-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 70-90 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 604 Individuals.

### September 8, Sunday (LYO), Lyons Area

**Leader(s):** Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Tammy Ellsworth, Bob Evans, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson, Chuck Lowrie, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Dick Pratt, Pat Ryan, Ira Sanders, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills riparian and open Ponderosa Pine; elev. 5250-6000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind none; temp. 67-79 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 134 Individuals.

### September 21, Saturday (RIG), Rigli Ranch

**Leader(s):** Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Jill Goddard, Peggy Hankins, Pat Ryan, Les Tyralla. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Sandhill-sagebrush, riparian, fields, ponds, creek, pastures; elev. 4330'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind NE, 0-10 mph; temp. 48-70 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 121 Individuals.

### September 22, Sunday (CHA), Chatfield State Park

**Leader(s):** Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Jill Goddard, Beverlee Guild, Peggy Hankins, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Chuck Lowrie, Diana Mullineaux, Bob Rohwedder, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1415. **Distance:** 17 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, reservoir. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 42-65 °F. **Totals:** 52 Species, 626 Individuals.

### September 28, Saturday (NEC), Barr Lake

**Leader(s):** Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Peter Fretchel, Parker Gay, Bill Godley, Peggy Hankins, Sig Nelson, Peggy Roberts, Buzz Shaumburg, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1445. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Weather:** Mostly to partly cloudy; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 50-70 °F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 788 Individuals.

### September 29, Sunday (LAI), Lair O' the Bear and Red Rocks Parks

**Leader(s):** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Bill Godley, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchinson, Chuck Lowrie, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Peggy Roberts, Pat Ryan, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 28 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, foothills scrub, pinyon-juniper; elev. 5800-6600'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind calm; temp. 45-72 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 125 Individuals.

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**Field Trip Summaries for September 2002, continued****Tuesday Birders****September 3, Tuesday (LAI)*****Lair O'the Bear Park***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow and ponderosa pine; elev. 6530'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 67-80 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 246 Individuals.

**September 10, Tuesday (BAR)*****Barr Lake State Park***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Nelda Gambell. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, prairie; elev. 5100. **Weather:** Sunny to mostly cloudy; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 52-65 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 1096 Individuals.

**September 17, Tuesday (CHA)*****Chatfield State Park***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, willow and open grassy areas; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Partly sunny; wind E, 0-10 mph; temp. 68-78 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 330 Individuals.

**September 24, Tuesday (KEN)*****Kenosha Pass***

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0900-1330. **Distance:** 140 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Aspen, willow, alpine tundra, Ponderosa, Doug Fir, open parks, ponds; elev. 9603-11,482'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind N, 3-10 mph; temp. 60-65 °F. **Totals:** 16 Species, 141 Individuals.

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**DFO Fall Counts****September 12, Thursday (CCR)*****Cherry Creek State Park***

**Leader(s):** JB Hayes. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Peggy Hankins, Sig Nelson. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, prairie; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 52-72 °F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 697 Individuals.

**September 13, Friday (LBC)*****Lower Bear Creek***

**Leader(s):** Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Barbara Batke, Peggy Hankins. **Time:** 0715-1600. **Distance:** 26 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban neighborhood, urban park-greenbelt, riparian, lake. **Weather:** Clear to heavy rain and thunder (of course, it was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!); wind NNE, 0-25 mph; temp. 41-55 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 2146 Individuals.

**September 14, Saturday (CHA)*****Chatfield State Park***

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Randy Lentz, Ric Olson, Andrew Spencer. **Time:** 0600-1900. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 6.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, fields; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly Cloudy to clear; wind E, 0-10 mph; temp. 50-73 °F. **Totals:** 106 Species, 1302 Individuals.



## Field Trip Summaries for September 2002, continued

### September 14, Saturday (BAR)

#### Barr Lake State Park

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Charlie Lawrence, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter. **Time:** 0630-1530. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, prairie; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Clear; wind N, 0-20 mph; temp. 50-75 °F. **Totals:** 76 Species, 2593 Individuals.

### September 14, Saturday (WAT)

#### Waterton Canyon

**Leader(s):** Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Bev DuGay, Elaine & Mel Emeigh, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Urling Kingery, Galen & Mike Weaver. **Time:** 0730-1600. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, canyon. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm. **Totals:** 71 Species, 626 Individuals.

### September 15, Sunday (RMA)

#### Rocky Mountain Arsenal

**Leader(s):** Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Diane Buell, Gail Evans, Mindy Hetrick, Dave Rhoades, Lynn Willcockson. **Time:** 0730-1515. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, ponds, riparian. **Weather:** Clear to hazy; wind SW, 6 mph. **Totals:** 73 Species, 1136 Individuals.

### September 15, Sunday (CAS)

#### Castlewood Canyon

**Leader(s):** Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Beverly Du Gay, Daniela Heck-Garret, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Lynne Forrester. **Time:** 0600-1600. **Distance:** 14 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills forest, grasslands, riparian. **Weather:** Clear; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 40-80 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 462 Individuals.

### September 15, Sunday (BLP)

#### Barr Lake Periphery

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Diana and Wayne Johnston, David Laliberte, Paulette Maloy, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Phyllis Stare. **Time:** 0700-1430. **Distance:** 109 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** roadsides, cultivated fields, marshes, ponds, reservoirs. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 50-83 °F. **Totals:** 52 Species, 764 Individuals.

## Additional Reports

| Species                 | Dates   | Number seen | Location              | County            | Observers |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Sabine's Gull           | 9/7     | 1a          | Chatfield State Park  | Douglas-Jefferson | Bob Brown |
| Sabine's Gull           | 9/11-24 | up to 2     | Cherry Creek St. Park | Arapahoe          | Bob Brown |
| Common Tern             | 9/22    | 1           | Chatfield State Park  | Douglas           | Bob Brown |
| Common Tern             | 9/23-27 | 3-4         | Cherry Creek St. Park | Arapahoe          | Bob Brown |
| Townsend's Warbler      | 9/20    | 2           | Barr Lake State Park  | Adams             | Bob Brown |
| Townsend's Warbler      | 9/27    | 4           | Barr Lake State Park  | Adams             | Bob Brown |
| Townsend's Warbler      | 9/28    | 2           | Chatfield State Park  | Douglas           | Bob Brown |
| Black and White Warbler | 9/20    | 1           | Barr Lake State Park  | Adams             | Bob Brown |

### Welcome New Member!

Melva J. Ball, 10256 Riverstone Dr. Parker, CO. 80134, 720.851.4947

No contributions to our funds this month.



# Field Trip Summary Table, September 2002 continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     | DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
|                             | 25-Aug          | 1    | 7   | 8   | 21  | 22  | 28  | 29  | 3               | 10  | 17  | 24  | 12                    | 13  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 15  | 15  | 15  |      |       |
|                             | CAS             | NEC  | CCR | LYO | FIG | CHA | BAR | LAI | LAI             | BAR | CHA | KEN | CCR                   | LBC | CHA | BAR | WAT | FMA | CAS | BLP |      |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 |      | 1   |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4                     |     |     | 1   |     | 3   |     |     | 11   |       |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |       |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 |      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 8                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10   |       |
| Western Grebe               |                 |      | 100 |     |     | 70  | 9   |     |                 | 55  | 50  |     | 80                    |     | 28  | 75  |     |     |     |     | 467  |       |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 |      |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 2                     |     | 3   | 1   |     |     |     |     | 9    |       |
| American White Pelican      |                 | 1000 |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 | 42  |     |     |                       | 5   |     | 26  |     |     |     | 24  | 1099 |       |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 | 124  | 20  |     |     | 23  | 6   |     |                 | 2   | 1   |     | 25                    | 80  | 26  | 18  | 30  | 27  |     | 1   | 363  |       |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 | 37   | 23  |     |     | 2   | 3   |     |                 | 10  |     |     | 15                    | 4   | 14  | 7   | 6   | 4   |     | 5   | 130  |       |
| Great Egret                 |                 | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |       |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 2    |       |
| Reddish Egret               |                 | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Green Heron                 |                 |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |       |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4                     |     | 1   |     |     | 1   |     |     | 6    |       |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 | 100  |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 3   |     |     |                       |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     | 106  |       |
| Turkey Vulture              | 31              |      | 1   | 1   |     |     | 2   |     | 1               |     | 6   |     |                       | 2   | 4   | 1   | 5   |     | 76  |     | 130  |       |
| Canada Goose                |                 |      | 3   |     |     | 80  | 37  |     |                 | 320 | 100 |     | 75                    | 43  | 80  | 325 | 14  | 157 |     | 55  | 1289 |       |
| Wood Duck                   |                 | 3    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     | 5   |     | 5   | 7   |     |     | 20   |       |
| Gadwall                     |                 | 12   |     |     |     | 3   | 26  |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 69  |     | 4   | 2   | 12  |     |     | 123  |       |
| American Wigeon             |                 | 2    |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |                 | 5   |     |     | 8                     | 29  | 1   | 2   |     | 28  |     |     | 78   |       |
| Mallard                     |                 | 400  | 20  | 1   |     | 26  | 400 | 1   | 4               |     | 3   | 10  | 20                    | 42  | 54  | 100 | 15  | 36  |     | 2   | 1134 |       |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 | 22   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     | 13  |     |     |     |     |     | 37   |       |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 6   |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6    |       |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 | 102  |     |     |     |     | 13  |     |                 | 90  |     |     |                       |     |     | 20  |     | 10  |     |     | 236  |       |
| Northern Pintail            |                 | 3    |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 | 5   |     |     |                       |     | 4   | 4   |     |     |     |     | 17   |       |
| Green-winged Teal           |                 | 40   |     |     |     | 15  |     |     |                 | 10  |     |     | 35                    | 22  | 2   | 400 |     | 16  |     |     | 540  |       |
| Canvasback                  |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Redhead                     |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 88  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 90   |       |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 6   |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10   |       |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8    |       |
| Common Merganser            |                 |      |     |     |     | 23  |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 11  | 27  |     | 4   |     |     |     | 65   |       |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 |      |     |     |     | 13  | 6   |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1                     | 12  | 3   | 36  |     | 5   |     |     | 76   |       |
| Osprey                      |                 |      |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 1                     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 6    |       |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 |      |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |                 | 1   | 1   |     |                       | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1   |     |     | 10   |       |
| Northern Harrier            |                 | 2    |     |     | 1   | 1   | 1   |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     | 3   | 11   |       |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |     |     | 3    |       |
| Cooper's Hawk               |                 | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                     | 1   | 2   |     | 1   | 1   |     |     | 8    |       |
| Northern Goshawk            |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Accipiter sp.               |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 3   |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |       |
| Swainson's Hawk             |                 | 14   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 10  | 3                     |     | 1   | 3   |     | 1   |     | 10  | 44   |       |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 2               | 6    | 1   | 1   |     | 3   | 3   | 2   | 1               | 1   | 3   | 4   |                       | 1   | 7   | 2   | 15  | 4   | 4   | 9   | 69   |       |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |                 |      |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |       |
| Buteo sp.                   |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Golden Eagle                |                 |      |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     | 1   |     | 7   |     |     |     | 11   |       |
| American Kestrel            |                 | 6    | 1   | 2   | 1   |     | 3   |     |                 | 1   |     |     |                       | 4   | 5   | 2   | 3   | 5   | 1   | 3   | 37   |       |
| Martin                      |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |      |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 2    |       |
| Falcon sp.                  |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 | 1    | 1   |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1                     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 9    |       |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     | 5   |     | 5    |       |
| Northern Bobwhite           |                 | 5    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5    |       |
| Virginia Rail               |                 | 1    | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2                     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 7    |       |
| Sora                        |                 | 1    | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |       |
| American Coot               |                 | 15   | 1   |     |     | 61  |     |     |                 | 70  |     | 8   | 14                    | 694 | 17  | 55  |     | 5   |     |     | 1140 |       |
| American Golden Plover      |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |       |
| Sandpalmated Plover         |                 | 8    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 6   |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 14   |       |
| Killdeer                    |                 | 77   | 6   |     |     |     | 13  |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 10                    | 2   | 1   | 4   |     | 17  |     | 18  | 149  |       |

## Observation Legend

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

# Field Trip Summary Table, September 2002 continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |       |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----|-------|
|                             | 25-Aug<br>CAS   | 1<br>NEC | 7<br>CCR | 8<br>LYO | 21<br>RIG | 22<br>CHA | 28<br>BAR | 29<br>LAI | 3<br>LAI        | 10<br>BAR | 17<br>CHA | 24<br>KEN | 12<br>CCR             | 13<br>IBC | 14<br>CHA | 14<br>BAR | 14<br>WAT | 15<br>RMA | 15<br>CAS | 15<br>RIP |       |     |       |
| American Avocet             |                 | 2        |          |          |           |           | 11        |           |                 | 5         |           |           |                       |           | 7         | 15        |           | 9         |           |           | 49    |     |       |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 | 44       |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 2         |           |           |                       |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 47    |     |       |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |                 | 67       | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 18        |           |           |                       |           |           | 27        |           |           |           | 2         | 115   |     |       |
| Solitary Sandpiper          |                 | 3        | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 6     |     |       |
| Willet                      |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Spotted Sandpiper           |                 | 4        | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 2         | 1         |           | 3                     |           | 3         | 1         | 3         | 1         |           |           | 19    |     |       |
| Long-billed Curlew          |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 13        |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 14    |     |       |
| Marbled Godwit              |                 | 6        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 6     |     |       |
| Sanderling                  |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 13        |           |           |                       |           |           | 20        |           |           |           |           | 33    |     |       |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      |                 | 6        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 12        |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 18    |     |       |
| Western Sandpiper           |                 | 1        | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2     |     |       |
| Least Sandpiper             |                 | 330      |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           | 18        |           |           |           |           | 349   |     |       |
| Baird's Sandpiper           |                 | 1500     |          |          |           |           | 2         |           |                 | 100       |           |           |                       |           |           | 500       |           |           |           |           | 2102  |     |       |
| Pectoral Sandpiper          |                 | 4        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 11        |           |           |                       |           |           | 5         |           |           |           |           | 20    |     |       |
| Silt Sandpiper              |                 | 100      |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 100   |     |       |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      |                 |          | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |                 | 11       |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 13    |     |       |
| Common Snipe                |                 | 4        | 4        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2                     |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         | 12    |     |       |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |                 | 290      | 1        |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 | 25        |           |           |                       |           |           | 10        |           |           |           |           | 327   |     |       |
| Red-necked Phalarope        |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 44        |           |           | 1                     |           |           | 30        |           |           |           |           | 75    |     |       |
| Red Phalarope               |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Franklin's Gull             |                 | 69       | 3        |          |           |           | 56        |           |                 | 7         |           |           | 55                    | 31        | 60        | 75        |           | 1         |           | 2         | 359   |     |       |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 | 25       | 50       |          |           | 86        | 18        |           |                 | 14        | 45        |           | 60                    | 343       | 5         | 300       |           | 72        |           | 65        | 1103  |     |       |
| California Gull             |                 | 22       |          |          |           | 7         | 1         |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 15                    | 30        | 5         | 3         |           |           |           |           | 84    |     |       |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull    |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Sabine's Gull               |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2     |     |       |
| gull sp.                    |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 14        |           |           | 14    |     |       |
| Common Tern                 |                 |          |          |          |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 3     |     |       |
| Forster's Tern              |                 | 6        | 3        |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 11    |     |       |
| Black Tern                  |                 | 61       |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 61    |     |       |
| Rock Dove                   |                 | 40       |          | 7        |           |           | 6         | 5         |                 |           |           |           | 2                     | 24        | 21        | 8         | 16        | 30        | 6         | 35        | 200   |     |       |
| Mourning Dove               |                 | 77       | 4        | 1        | 2         | 1         | 4         |           |                 | 1         | 7         |           | 7                     | 14        | 12        | 45        | 4         | 17        |           | 41        | 237   |     |       |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Barn Owl                    |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 3     |     |       |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 | 1        |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 2         |           |           | 2         | 2         |           | 8     |     |       |
| Burrowing Owl               |                 |          |          |          | 3         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 9         |           | 5         | 17    |     |       |
| Common Nighthawk            |                 | 9        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 10    |     |       |
| Common Poorwill             |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1     |     |       |
| White-throated Swift        |                 |          |          | 8        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 8     |     |       |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird   |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Calliope Hummingbird        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird    |                 | 2        |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |                 | 7         |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           | 2         |           | 2         |           | 17    |     |       |
| Rufous Hummingbird          |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Belted Kingfisher           |                 | 1        | 3        | 1        |           | 3         |           | 1         |                 | 2         | 2         |           | 4                     | 3         | 5         | 1         | 7         | 1         |           | 1         | 35    |     |       |
| Lewis's Woodpecker          |                 |          |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 3     |     |       |
| Red-headed Woodpecker       |                 | 4        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |     |       |
| Red-naped Sapsucker         |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 2     |     |       |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 | 4        |          |          |           | 2         | 2         | 2         |                 | 1         | 1         |           |                       | 3         | 4         | 2         | 1         | 5         | 3         |           | 30    |     |       |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                 | 1        | 1        | 1        |           |           | 1         | 1         |                 | 1         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 7     |     |       |
| Northern Flicker            |                 | 3        | 12       | 5        | 3         | 1         | 7         | 4         | 4               | 4         | 3         | 3         | 1                     | 5         | 32        | 36        | 5         | 9         | 12        | 6         | 1     | 156 |       |
| "Yellow-shafted" race       |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | (1)       |           |           |           |           |           | (1)   |     |       |
| "Red-shafted" race          |                 | (3)      | (12)     |          | (3)       | (1)       | (7)       | (4)       |                 |           |           |           | (5)                   |           | (35)      | (5)       | (9)       | (12)      | (6)       | (1)       | (103) |     |       |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher      |                 | 3        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 2                     |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 7     |     |       |
| Western Wood-Pewee          |                 | 12       | 11       |          | 4         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2                     |           | 6         |           | 3         | 2         | 1         |           | 41    |     |       |
| Willow Flycatcher           |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Least Flycatcher            |                 | 8        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 9     |     |       |
| Hammond's Flycatcher        |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |     |       |
| Gray Flycatcher             |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1     |     |       |
| Dusky Flycatcher            |                 | 2        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         | 1         |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 4     |     |       |

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| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----|-------|
|                             | 25-Aug<br>CAS   | 1<br>REC | 7<br>CCR | 8<br>LYO | 21<br>BIG | 22<br>CHA | 28<br>DAR | 29<br>LAI | 3<br>LAI        | 10<br>DAR | 17<br>CHA | 24<br>KEN | 12<br>CCR             | 13<br>LBC | 14<br>CHA | 14<br>DAR | 14<br>WAT | 15<br>RMA | 15<br>CAS | 15<br>BLP |  |     |       |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher      |                 | 2        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 2   |       |
| Empidonax sp.               |                 |          |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 2         |           | 1         | 2         |           |           |  | 6   |       |
| Say's Phoebe                | 1               | 1        |          | 1        | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 2         |           | 2         |  | 13  |       |
| Great Crested Flycatcher    |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 1   |       |
| Cassin's Kingbird           |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 3         |           |           |           |           |  | 3   |       |
| Western Kingbird            |                 | 28       | 6        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 20                    |           | 12        | 6         | 2         | 9         |           | 6         |  | 90  |       |
| Eastern Kingbird            |                 | 7        |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 2         | 1         |           |           |  | 11  |       |
| Loggerhead Shrike           |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |           |  | 3   |       |
| Plumbeous Vireo             | 1               | 5        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 6         | 1         |  | 14  |       |
| Cassin's Vireo              |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |  | 2   |       |
| Warbling Vireo              |                 | 11       |          |          |           | 2         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2                     | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |  | 17  |       |
| Red-eyed Vireo              |                 | 5        |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 6   |       |
| Gray Jay                    |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 9         |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 9   |       |
| Stellar's Jay               | 4               |          |          | 6        |           |           |           | 6         | 7               |           |           | 2         |                       |           | 2         |           |           |           | 19        |           |  | 46  |       |
| Blue Jay                    |                 | 28       |          | 7        | 1         | 2         | 2         |           |                 | 3         | 3         |           |                       | 5         | 5         | 6         | 3         | 4         | 3         | 2         |  | 74  |       |
| Western Scrub-Jay           | 10              |          |          | 2        |           |           |           | 17        |                 |           |           |           |                       | 2         | 3         |           | 4         | 3         | 12        | 1         |  | 54  |       |
| Pinyon Jay                  |                 |          |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 3   |       |
| Black-billed Magpie         |                 | 48       | 21       | 2        | 1         | 13        | 8         | 3         |                 | 3         | 15        | 4         | 25                    | 51        | 130       | 28        | 8         | 30        | 73        | 31        |  | 494 |       |
| American Crow               | 2               | 1        | 1        |          |           | 3         |           | 1         |                 |           |           | 4         |                       | 10        | 36        |           | 4         | 16        | 2         | 4         |  | 86  |       |
| Common Raven                | 4               |          |          |          |           |           |           | 1         | 2               |           |           | 1         | 1                     |           |           |           | 3         |           | 3         |           |  | 15  |       |
| Horned Lark                 |                 |          |          |          | 12        |           | 7         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 11        |           |           |           |           | 13        |  | 43  |       |
| Tree Swallow                |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |           |  | 2   |       |
| Violet-green Swallow        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               | 3         |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 4   |       |
| Bank Swallow                |                 | 7        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 20        | 6         |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 33  |       |
| Cliff Swallow               |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 3         | 5         |           |                       |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |  | 10  |       |
| Barn Swallow                |                 | 30       | 60       | 2        | 3         |           | 10        |           | 2               | 120       |           |           | 6                     | 10        | 15        | 50        | 102       | 120       |           | 37        |  | 557 |       |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 6               | 19       | 12       | 7        |           | 22        | 4         | 5         | 4               |           | 8         | 2         | 12                    | 40        | 69        | 10        | 22        | 5         | 14        | 4         |  | 265 |       |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 5               |          |          | 2        |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           | 9         |           |  | 19  |       |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       | 3               | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               | 1         |           |           | 1                     | 3         |           |           |           |           | 11        |           |  | 21  |       |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 3               | 3        | 1        | 3        | 1         |           | 2         |           |                 | 1         |           |           |                       | 3         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 4         | 9         |           |  | 36  |       |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                 |          | 4        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 4   |       |
| Brown Creeper               |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       | 1         |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |  | 3   |       |
| Rock Wren                   | 2               | 3        |          |          | 2         | 1         |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           | 2         | 1         |           | 3         | 1         |           |  | 17  |       |
| Canyon Wren                 | 2               |          |          | 2        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 5         |           |  | 9   |       |
| House Wren                  | 4               | 20       |          |          | 1         | 3         | 1         |           | 1               | 1         | 1         |           | 2                     |           | 11        | 9         | 3         | 7         | 3         | 1         |  | 68  |       |
| Marsh Wren                  |                 | 1        |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |  | 2   |       |
| American Dipper             |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           | 6         | 5               |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 11  |       |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |                 |          |          |          | 1         |           | 2         | 1         |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 2         | 1         |           |           |  | 7   |       |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       | 5               | 5        |          | 1        |           | 1         |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 6                     |           | 10        | 1         | 1         | 5         | 6         |           |  | 42  |       |
| Western Bluebird            |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 8         |           |  | 8   |       |
| Mountain Bluebird           | 4               |          |          | 1        |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           |                       |           | 20        |           | 3         |           | 7         |           |  | 36  |       |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                 |          |          |          | 2         |           |           | 8         | 1               |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |  | 12  |       |
| Swainson's Thrush           |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |  | 1   |       |
| Hermit Thrush               |                 |          |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  | 1   |       |
| American Robin              | 6               | 33       | 2        | 11       |           | 5         | 3         | 6         | 100             |           | 5         |           | 1                     | 18        | 34        | 34        | 32        | 47        | 53        | 7         |  | 397 |       |
| Gray Catbird                |                 | 11       | 1        | 2        |           |           |           |           | 1               | 1         |           |           |                       |           | 3         |           | 3         |           |           |           |  | 22  |       |
| Northern Mockingbird        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |  | 1   |       |
| Sage Thrasher               |                 |          | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1                     |           | 5         |           |           | 3         |           |           |  | 10  |       |
| Brown Thrasher              |                 | 33       |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |  | 34  |       |
| European Starling           |                 | 315      | 50       | 1        | 5         |           | 11        |           |                 | 12        | 18        | 50        | 50                    | 55        | 12        | 70        | 11        | 69        | 9         | 110       |  | 848 |       |
| American Pipit              |                 |          |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           |                       |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |  | 2   |       |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                 | 2        |          |          |           |           |           |           | 14              |           |           |           |                       |           |           |           | 15        |           | 1         |           |  | 32  |       |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|-------|
|                             | 25-Aug          |      | 7   | 8   | 21  | 22  | 26  | 29  | 3               | 10  | 17   | 24  | 12                    | 13  | 14   | 14   | 14   | 15  | 15   | 15  |     |        |       |
|                             | CAS             | MEC  |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      |     | CCR | LYO    |       |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      |                 | 18   |     |     |     |     | 3   | 1   | 1               |     |      |     |                       |     | 2    |      | 16   | 1   | 3    | 3   | 1   |        | 49    |
| Virginia's Warbler          |                 | 1    | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |      |     |                       |     |      | 4    |      |     |      | 2   |     | 9      |       |
| Yellow Warbler              | 1               | 115  | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |      |     |                       |     | 1    |      | 6    |     | 2    |     |     | 128    |       |
| Magnolia Warbler            |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      |     |     | 1      |       |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       |                 |      |     | 1   | 1   | 33  | 30  | 1   |                 |     |      | 3   | 1                     |     |      | 7    |      | 15  |      | 4   |     | 96     |       |
| Townsend's Warbler          |                 | 5    |     |     |     | 1   | 2   |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 9      |       |
| American Redstart           |                 | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     | 1    |     |     | 5      |       |
| Ovenbird                    |                 | 3    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 4      |       |
| Northern Waterthrush        |                 | 2    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      | 1   |      |     |     | 3      |       |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      |                 | 5    |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      | 3   |      |     |     | 10     |       |
| Common Yellowthroat         |                 | 12   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 4   |      | 23   | 3    |     |      |     | 3   | 47     |       |
| Wilson's Warbler            | 1               | 270  | 26  | 2   | 2   | 26  | 3   | 4   |                 | 2   | 3    | 28  | 1                     | 8   | 8    | 112  | 11   | 56  | 46   | 8   | 9   | 626    |       |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |                 | 2    |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 4      |       |
| Western Tanager             | 2               | 3    |     | 3   |     |     | 2   |     |                 | 4   |      |     |                       |     | 3    | 3    | 2    | 1   | 1    | 2   |     | 26     |       |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |                 | 3    |     | 1   |     |     | 2   |     |                 | 4   | 3    |     |                       |     | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1   | 6    |     |     | 25     |       |
| Spotted Towhee              | 15              | 1    |     | 3   |     |     | 4   | 3   |                 | 9   |      |     |                       |     | 8    | 3    |      | 12  |      | 24  |     | 82     |       |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 7               | 420  | 100 | 7   |     | 12  | 1   |     |                 |     |      | 1   |                       | 20  | 14   | 55   | 15   | 34  | 59   | 2   | 1   | 749    |       |
| Clay-colored Sparrow        |                 | 5    |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 3   |      | 44   | 3    | 6   | 11   | 12  | 1   | 87     |       |
| Brewer's Sparrow            | 6               | 4    |     |     | 1   | 3   |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 1   | 2    | 7    | 2    | 3   | 9    |     | 6   | 44     |       |
| spizella sp.                |                 |      |     |     |     | 10  |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      | 10  | 66   |     |     | 86     |       |
| Vesper Sparrow              | 3               | 1    |     | 1   | 10  | 2   |     |     |                 | 1   |      | 3   | 1                     | 6   | 4    | 9    | 7    | 29  | 18   | 15  | 21  | 131    |       |
| Lark Sparrow                |                 | 2    | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 1   |      | 7    |      | 12  | 1    |     | 1   | 26     |       |
| Lark Bunting                |                 | 29   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 6   |      | 2    | 1    | 9   |      |     | 3   | 50     |       |
| Savannah Sparrow            |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 10   |     |                       |     |      | 4    |      | 1   |      |     | 2   | 17     |       |
| Grasshopper Sparrow         |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 1      |       |
| Song Sparrow                |                 | 1    | 2   | 1   |     | 10  | 2   | 2   |                 | 9   | 1    | 2   |                       | 8   | 1    | 14   | 8    | 4   | 2    | 1   | 1   | 69     |       |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     | 4    | 9    | 1    | 1   |      |     |     | 16     |       |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                 |      |     |     | 2   | 6   | 6   | 7   |                 |     |      |     |                       |     | 3    | 12   | 3    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 2   | 44     |       |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      | 4   |     | 7      |       |
| "Pink-sided" race           |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      | (1) |     | (1)    |       |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      | (3) |     | (3)    |       |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       | 1               | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     | 1    |     |     | 7      |       |
| Leaui Bunting               |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 13   |      | 2   |      |     |     | 15     |       |
| Indigo Bunting              |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 1      |       |
| Red-winged Blackbird        |                 | 50   |     |     | 1   | 1   | 8   |     |                 |     |      | 30  |                       |     | 3    | 10   | 80   |     | 16   |     | 61  | 260    |       |
| Western Meadowlark          |                 | 5    | 1   |     | 7   | 12  | 7   |     |                 |     | 2    | 1   |                       | 1   |      | 16   | 9    | 5   | 21   | 5   | 15  | 107    |       |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                 | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      | 5    |     | 2    |     |     | 8      |       |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 | 2    |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 1   |      | 10   |      | 12  | 5    |     | 12  | 45     |       |
| Common Grackle              |                 | 4    | 8   | 3   |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     |      |     |                       | 15  |      | 3    |      |     | 2    |     | 10  | 47     |       |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      | 4    |     |      |     |     | 4      |       |
| Orchard Oriole              |                 | 3    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      |     |     | 3      |       |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                 | 6    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      | 1    |      |     |      |     |     | 7      |       |
| Cassin's Finch              |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      |     |     | 1      |       |
| House Finch                 | 5               | 3    | 10  | 3   | 6   | 6   | 3   | 22  |                 | 3   |      |     |                       | 10  | 56   | 5    | 2    | 9   | 9    | 3   | 13  | 168    |       |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |      |     |                       |     |      |      |      |     |      | 2   |     | 2      |       |
| Lesser Goldfinch            | 25              |      |     | 11  |     |     |     | 7   |                 | 43  |      |     |                       |     |      | 20   |      | 4   |      | 9   |     | 119    |       |
| American Goldfinch          | 6               | 13   | 30  |     |     | 2   | 3   | 5   |                 | 1   |      | 1   |                       | 5   | 3    | 3    | 13   | 1   | 5    |     |     | 91     |       |
| House Sparrow               |                 | 8    | 5   |     | 50  | 1   | 2   |     |                 |     |      | 1   |                       |     | 30   |      | 45   | 1   |      |     | 77  | 220    |       |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 185             | 6347 | 604 | 134 | 121 | 626 | 788 | 125 |                 | 246 | 1096 | 330 | 141                   | 697 | 2146 | 1302 | 2593 | 626 | 1136 | 462 | 764 | 20,499 |       |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 33              | 126  | 50  | 44  | 28  | 52  | 67  | 29  |                 | 38  | 58   | 35  | 16                    | 67  | 58   | 106  | 76   | 71  | 73   | 63  | 52  | 205    |       |

Observation Legend a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: [www.geocities.com/dfobirders](http://www.geocities.com/dfobirders).



## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** All meetings are at the Denver Zoo, start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May in the Crane Room. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter. Directions to the Denver Zoo: enter through the main gate; turn right after the security building, walk past the Pronghorn Gift Shop and the Hungry Elephant Restaurant. The next building is the Gates Center. After entering the Gates Center, turn right through the painted portal columns.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.***

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## DFO Field Trips for December 2002

### December 1, Sunday

#### *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader: Doris Cruze 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Lake parking lot, south of W. 44th Ave, just east of Robb St. in Wheat Ridge. Half day trip, lunch optional.

### December 7, Saturday

#### *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leaders: Bob & Lea Ann Brown 303-791-6204

Meet leaders at 0830 at the swim beach inside the west entrance of the park. Entrance on S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1-1/2 miles south of C470. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Park Pass required.

### December 8, Sunday

#### *Boulder County - Raptors (BOU)*

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park n Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Road. From I25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52). Turn left at exit heading west on Hwy 52, go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287. Turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go 0.7 miles then turn left on Niwot Rd. This will be a driving tour of Boulder County/Longmont area looking for raptors. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

### December 14, Saturday

#### *Denver Christmas Count*

Contact Dick Shottler at 303-278-8035, [birdshot@uswest.net](mailto:birdshot@uswest.net) for details and times.

#### *Fort Collins Christmas Count*

Contact Cynthia Melcher at 970-484-8373, [birdswords@yahoo.com](mailto:birdswords@yahoo.com) for details and times.

#### *Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes Park*

Contact Scott Roederer at 970-586-8812, [osprey@earthlink.net](mailto:osprey@earthlink.net) for details. Meet group at 8:00am at RMNP Headquarters.

### December 15, Sunday

#### *Boulder Christmas Count*

Contact Bill Kaempfer at 303-492-6923 (work) or 303-443-3175 (home), [kaempfer@colorado.edu](mailto:kaempfer@colorado.edu) for details.

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Starting January 8, 2003, monthly DFO meetings move from the Denver Zoo to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. Directions on page 11. Look for the colored insert reminding you to renew your memberships! On the reverse side of the page is an application form for the Educational Endowment Fund.

## DFO Field Trips for December 2002, continued

### December 16-19, Monday to Thursday

#### *Bosque de la Apache, New Mexico*

*(BOS)***Leader:** Jackie King 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0800 Monday to carpool for ten-hour drive to Socorro, New Mexico. Contact leader by December 14 to arrange carpool locations, etc. Group will stay at moderately priced motel in Socorro on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Group will return to Denver on Thursday. Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent birding at the Bosque, which is a wintering spot for Sand Hill Cranes, Snow Geese and many other waterfowl. Black Shouldered Kites are often seen there as well as a variety of thrashers. Bring lunch for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

### December 28, Saturday

#### *Douglas County Christmas Count*

Count will be at Roxborough State Park 303-973-3959. Please register by Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Ann Bonnell at 303-979-6211, abonnell@juno.com for details and times.

### DFO trips scheduled by Dianna Johnston

Pre Christmas & Christmas counts scheduled by Dick Schottler 303-278-8035 & Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723.



### 49th Denver Christmas Bird Count

**Saturday, December 14, 2002**

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303.278.8035; birdschot@uswest.net)

Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303.233.4947), Tina Jones (303.794.2647)

Compilation meeting: 5:00 pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, there are still several areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help. If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible.

After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is a lot of fun.

**FEES:** Each observer over the age of 18 must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. Participants should pay the \$5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks should be made payable to NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, not to DFO.

**PRE-COUNTS:** Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas, particularly if unfamiliar with the area. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count. Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count day, Saturday December 14.

*Please see the next page for details on the count areas and leaders.*

| Area Number and Location |                            | Area Leader Contact Information |              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.                       | Red Rocks Park             | Bob Brown                       | 303.791.6204 |
| 2.                       | Lover Bear Creek           | Tamie Bulow                     | 303.462.1238 |
| 2A.                      | Bear Creek Lake Park       | Kathie Hawkins                  | 303.969.8909 |
| 3.                       | Bow Mar/Marston            | <b>Leader Needed</b>            |              |
| 4A.                      | Lower South Platte-East    | Ed Holub                        | 303.979.2194 |
| 4B.                      | Lower South Platte-West    | Warren Finch                    | 303.233.3372 |
| 5.                       | Highline Ditch             | Harold Oliver                   | 303.936.6902 |
| 6.                       | Plum Creek                 | Norm Erthal                     | 303.424.6747 |
| 7A.                      | Middle South Platte-West   | Randy Lentz                     | 303.680.3381 |
| 7B.                      | Middle South Platte-East   | Hugh Kingery                    | 303.814.2723 |
| 8.                       | Chatfield State Park       | Joey Kellner                    | 303.978.1748 |
| 9.                       | Upper South Platte*        | Carolyn Cooley                  | 303.798.9010 |
| 10.                      | Lower Deer Creek           | Lynn Willecockson               | 303.757.7000 |
| 11.                      | Upper Deer Creek           | <b>Leader Needed</b>            |              |
| 12.                      | Yegge Peak                 | Ann Bonnell                     | 303.979.6211 |
| 13.                      | Doublehead Mountain        | Frances Sperl                   | 303.426.4267 |
| 14.                      | North Turkey Creek         | Dick Schottler                  | 303.278.8035 |
| 15.                      | Indian Hills               | Sherman Wing                    | 303.697.8840 |
| 16.                      | Upper Bear Creek           | <b>Leader Needed</b>            |              |
| 17.                      | Ken Caryl Ranch            | <b>Leader Needed</b>            |              |
| 18.                      | Garrison Gate              | <b>Leader Needed</b>            |              |
| 19.                      | Morrison/Willowbrook       | Jackie King                     | 303.287.1644 |
| 20.                      | Willow Creek               | Doris Cruze                     | 303.798.8072 |
| 21.                      | Mount Lindo/Willow Springs | Karleen Schofield               | 303.936.8661 |



## January 1, 2003: URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT:

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort—a good way to kick-off your 2003 Year List!

5:00 p.m. After the count, **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality. Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

| Area                                                           |                                          | Leader(s) Contact Information |                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                                                              | South Platte (south)                     | 303-798-8072                  | Doris Cruze                   |
| 2                                                              | South Platte (north)                     | 303-278-8035                  | Dick Schottler                |
| 3                                                              | Rocky Mtn. Arsenal                       | 303-814-2723                  | Urling Kingery                |
| 4                                                              | Commerce City/Montbello                  | 303-287-1644                  | Jackie King                   |
| 5                                                              | Sand Creek/Tollgate                      | 303-680-3381                  | Randy Lentz                   |
|                                                                | Creek, Bluff L., & Aurora, Buckley Field | 303-699-1721                  | Buzz Schaumberg               |
| 7                                                              | Cherry Creek Res.                        | 303-798-9683                  | J. B. Hayes                   |
| 8                                                              | Kent School, S/Hampden                   | 303-757-7000                  | Lynn Willecockson             |
| 9                                                              | SE Denver, N/Hampden                     | 303-935-4722                  | Walt Hackney, gyrfal@juno.com |
| 10                                                             | Cherry Creek, dam to Den. Country Club   | 303-422-3728                  | Paul Slingsby                 |
| 11                                                             | Fairmont, Lowry Field                    | 303-979-6211                  | Tuesday Birders               |
| 13                                                             | City Park/Park Hill                      | 303-936-8661                  | Karleen Schofield             |
| 15                                                             | Wash Park/Denver                         | 303-744-0613                  | Casey Davenport               |
| Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale |                                          |                               |                               |

## Field Trip Summaries for October 2002

**October 5, Saturday (PRP)**

**Parker Regional Park**

**Leader(s):** Steve Stachowiak. **Observers:** Beverly Giles, Mary Stallings, Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 40-65 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 370 Individuals.

**October 6, Sunday (CRO)**

**Crow Valley and Lower Lathem**

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Peter Fretzel, David Laliberte, Charlie Lawrence, Gary Lefko, Robb Massom, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Pat Ryan, Helen Standish, Rich Stevens, Nell Sweirs. **Time:** 0730-1830. **Distance:** 200 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, riparian, lakes. **Weather:** Cloudy to sunny; wind NE, 0-5 mph; temp. 40-63 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 2307 Individuals.

**October 12, Saturday (LON)**

**Longmont Area**

**Leader(s):** Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** Mary Geder, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Peggy Roberts, Chuck Walters, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 50 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Agricultural fields, ponds, lakes, riparian areas; elev. 4900'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind variable, 4-7 mph; temp. 35-65 °F. **Totals:** 54 Species, 18473 Individuals.

**October 13, Sunday (CHA)**

**Waterton and Chatfield**

**Leader(s):** Sue Schulman. **Observers:** Lucie Clark, Bob Hutchinson, Richard Pinkham, Pat Ryan, Andrew Spencer. **Time:** 0730-1300. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, reservoir. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 38-47 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 1092 Individuals.

**October 19, Saturday (SPW)**

**South Platte Wanderings**

**Leader(s):** David Laliberte. **Observers:** Joan Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Barbara Brown, Mary Burger, Alison Donnelly, Peggy Fitzgerald, Mike Foster, Sandy Germain, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson, Calaine Ohmert, Pat Ryan, Mary Stallings, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0830-1245. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 34-63 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 527 Individuals.

**October 20, Sunday (ROX)**

**Roxborough State Park**

**Leader(s):** Don and Dianna Mullineaux. **Observers:** Ruth Barsch, Ursula Barsch, Peter Frechtel, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchinson. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, foothills scrub, grasslands; elev. 6500'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind S, 15 mph; temp. 40-60 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 131 Individuals.

**October 26, Saturday (BAR)**

**Barr Lake**

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Keith Chamberlain, Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Warren Finch, Peggy Fitzgerald, Sandy Germain, Calaine Ohmert, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 35-55 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 1463 Individuals.

**October 27, Sunday (LAI)**

**Lair O' the Bear Park**

**Data to be included in the next Lark Bunting**



## Field Trip Summaries for October 2002, continued

### TUESDAY BIRDERS

**October 1, Tuesday** (SPA)

*Squaw Pass*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 19. **Time:** 0930-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** mountain riparian, Aspen, willow, spruce, lodgepole pine, tundra, fir woodlands; elev. 7800-10597'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 69-50 °F. **Totals:** 13 Species, 44 Individuals.

**October 8, Tuesday** (GGC)

*Golden Gate Canyon State Park*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, ponds, meadows, Aspen, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce; elev. 8100-9500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind N, 0-10 mph; temp. 55-63 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 93 Individuals.

**October 15, Tuesday** (LAI)

*Lair O'the Bear Park*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow, & some Ponderosa Pine & Blue Spruce; elev. 6530'. **Weather:** Clear; wind S, 0-10 mph; temp. 35-65 °F. **Totals:** 18 Species, 114 Individuals.

**October 22, Tuesday** (WRG)

*Wheat Ridge Greenbelt*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy; wind E, 3-16 mph; temp. 37-39 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 628 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

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|                             | 5<br>PRP        | 6<br>CRO | 12<br>LON | 13<br>CHA | 19<br>SPW | 20<br>ROX | 26<br>BAR | 1<br>CNP        | 8<br>BLD | 15<br>LMN | 22<br>WTN |       |
| Common Loon                 |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1     |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 1               |          | 1         | 4         | 3         |           | 2         |                 |          |           | 4         | 15    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |          | 2         | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 3     |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 |          |           | 41        |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 41    |
| Western Grebe               |                 |          | 2020      | 410       |           |           | 80        |                 |          |           |           | 2510  |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 |          |           | 4         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 4     |
| American White Pelican      |                 |          | 69        | 8         | 5         |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           | 83    |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 | 280      | 3         | 12        | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           | 4         | 301   |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 | 2        | 9         | 4         | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           | 2         | 19    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |          |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Canada Goose                | 116             | 204      | 330       | 38        | 25        |           | 100       |                 |          |           | 220       | 1033  |
| Wood Duck                   |                 |          | 5         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 5     |
| Gadwall                     |                 |          | 8         | 27        | 9         |           | 50        |                 |          |           | 18        | 112   |
| American Wigeon             |                 | 3        | 58        |           | 2         |           | 20        |                 |          |           | 2         | 85    |
| Mallard                     | 41              | 5        | 64        | 18        | 32        |           | 500       | 5               |          | 6         | 100       | 771   |
| teal sp.                    | 2               |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 |          | 58        |           | 5         |           | 120       |                 |          |           | 31        | 214   |
| Northern Pintail            |                 |          |           |           | 2         |           | 30        |                 |          |           |           | 32    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 4               | 26       | 22        | 2         | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 56    |
| Canvasback                  |                 |          |           | 4         |           |           | 4         |                 |          |           |           | 8     |
| Redhead                     |                 |          | 56        | 40        |           |           | 50        |                 |          |           |           | 146   |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 |          | 20        | 2         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 22    |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |          |           | 10        |           |           | 50        |                 |          |           |           | 60    |
| Bufflehead                  |                 |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Common Merganser            |                 |          |           | 25        |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 25    |
| Ruddy Duck                  | 4               |          | 7         | 1         |           |           | 6         |                 |          |           |           | 18    |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 |          | 4         | 2         | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           | 1         | 8     |
| Northern Harrier            |                 | 7        | 5         | 1         | 1         |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           | 17    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1               |          |           |           | 4     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1               | 1        |           | 1         | 3     |
| accipiter sp.               |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           | 1     |
| Broad-winged Hawk           |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           | 1     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 1               | 12       | 22        | 4         | 1         | 1         | 2         |                 | 3        | 2         | 1         | 49    |
| western races               |                 |          | (22)      |           |           |           | (2)       |                 |          |           |           | (24)  |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |                 |          | 2         |           |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           | 3     |
| buteo sp.                   |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                |                 |          | 4         | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 5     |
| American Kestrel            |                 | 7        | 16        | 3         | 2         |           | 1         |                 | 1        |           |           | 30    |
| Merlin                      | 1               |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           | 1     |

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| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 | 5        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 5     |
| American Coot               |                 |          | 51        | 55        |           |           | 18        |                 |          |           | 45        | 169   |
| Killdeer                    | 13              | 4        | 4         |           | 3         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 24    |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |                 |          | 7         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 7     |
| Least Sandpiper             |                 |          | 3         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 3     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |                 |          | 9         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 9     |
| Common Snipe                |                 | 1        | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 3     |
| Franklin's Gull             |                 |          | 211       | 4         | 1         |           | 20        |                 |          |           |           | 236   |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 34              | 116      | 43        | 68        | 248       |           | 100       |                 |          |           | 75        | 684   |
| California Gull             |                 |          |           | 12        |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 12    |
| Herring Gull                |                 |          |           | 3         |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           | 4     |
| Glaucous-winged Gull        |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1     |
| Common Tern                 |                 |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| Rock Dove                   | 3               | 99       | 85        | 4         | 11        | 3         |           |                 |          |           | 3         | 208   |
| Mourning Dove               | 13              |          | 2         |           |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           | 16    |
| Belted Kingfisher           |                 | 3        | 4         | 4         | 3         |           |           |                 |          | 2         | 1         | 17    |
| Red-naped Sapsucker         |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 | 8        |           |           | 2         | 1         | 2         |                 |          | 1         | 1         | 15    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           | 2     |
| "Rocky Mountain" race       |                 |          |           | (1)       |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (1)   |
| Northern Flicker            | 6               | 4        | 2         | 6         | 3         | 3         | 9         |                 |          |           | 16        | 49    |
| "Red-shafted" race          |                 |          |           | (6)       |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (6)   |
| Say's Phoebe                |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           | 1     |
| Gray Jay                    |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 5               | 1        |           |           | 6     |
| Steller's Jay               | 1               |          |           |           |           | 3         |           | 6               | 7        | 9         |           | 26    |
| Blue Jay                    | 5               | 4        | 4         | 1         |           |           | 2         |                 |          |           | 4         | 20    |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |                 |          |           | 2         |           | 25        |           |                 |          |           |           | 27    |
| Clark's Nutcracker          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1               | 1        |           |           | 2     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 6               | 25       | 13        | 18        | 12        | 4         | 14        | 2               | 4        |           | 7         | 105   |
| American Crow               | 2               | 7        | 14        | 31        | 2         | 16        | 3         |                 | 7        | 6         | 12        | 100   |
| Common Raven                |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1               |          |           |           | 2     |
| Horned Lark                 |                 | 118      |           |           |           |           | 4         |                 |          |           |           | 122   |
| Barn Swallow                | 4               | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 6     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 8               | 16       | 3         | 25        | 3         | 14        | 23        | 3               | 1        | 18        | 8         | 122   |
| Mountain Chickadee          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 13              | 9        | 1         |           | 23    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |                 | 1        |           | 1         |           | 1         |           | 2               |          |           | 1         | 6     |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2        |           |           | 2     |

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| Brown Creeper               |                 | 3           |              |             |            | 1          | 3           |                 |           |            |            | 7             |
| Rock Wren                   |                 | 1           |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| Canyon Wren                 |                 |             |              |             |            | 14         |             |                 |           |            |            | 14            |
| Winter Wren                 |                 |             |              | 1           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| American Dipper             |                 |             |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           | 10         |            | 10            |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        | 1               | 90          | 1            | 2           |            | 1          | 6           | 1               | 3         | 6          | 2          | 113           |
| Mountain Bluebird           |                 |             | 13           |             |            |            |             |                 | 21        |            |            | 34            |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                 | 14          |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           | 9          |            | 23            |
| Swainson's Thrush           |                 | 1           |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| Hermit Thrush               |                 | 2           |              |             | 2          |            | 1           |                 |           |            |            | 5             |
| American Robin              | 3               | 82          | 1            | 12          | 3          | 2          | 30          |                 | 5         | 13         | 6          | 157           |
| Gray Catbird                |                 | 3           |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 3             |
| European Starling           | 4               | 278         | 16           | 35          | 35         |            | 22          |                 | 3         |            | 50         | 443           |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      | 11              | 1           |              | 3           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 15            |
| Magnolia Warbler            |                 | 1           |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 9               | 103         | 7            | 15          | 8          |            | 1           | 1               |           | 1          |            | 145           |
| "Myrtle" race               |                 |             |              | (14)        |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | (14)          |
| "Audubon's" race            |                 |             |              | (1)         |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | (1)           |
| Townsend's Warbler          |                 | 4           |              |             |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 4             |
| Wilson's Warbler            | 2               | 5           |              | 1           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 8             |
| Spotted Towhee              |                 | 1           |              | 2           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 3             |
| American Tree Sparrow       |                 |             |              | 1           |            |            | 8           |                 |           |            |            | 9             |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 4               | 15          |              | 5           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 24            |
| Brewer's Sparrow            | 1               |             |              | 1           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 2             |
| Vesper Sparrow              |                 |             |              |             |            |            | 1           |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| Song Sparrow                | 11              | 3           | 5            | 8           | 2          |            | 3           |                 | 1         | 6          | 1          | 40            |
| White-throated Sparrow      | 1               |             |              |             |            |            | 1           |                 |           |            |            | 2             |
| Harris's Sparrow            |                 |             |              |             | 1          |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 30              | 31          | 13           | 27          | 16         | 4          | 17          |                 | 2         | 3          |            | 143           |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                 | 27          | 1            | 46          | 15         | 20         | 26          |                 | 11        | 17         | 1          | 164           |
| "White-winged" race         |                 |             |              |             |            | (1)        |             |                 |           |            |            | (1)           |
| "Slate-colored" race        |                 |             |              | (5)         |            | (2)        | (2)         |                 |           |            |            | (9)           |
| "Oregon" race               |                 |             |              | (1)         |            | (2)        | (12)        |                 |           |            |            | (15)          |
| "Pink-sided" race           |                 |             |              | (40)        |            | (5)        | (1)         |                 |           |            |            | (46)          |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 9               | 100         | 300          | 15          | 40         |            | 100         |                 | 5         |            | 1          | 570           |
| Western Meadowlark          | 4               | 18          | 24           | 6           |            |            | 1           |                 | 3         |            |            | 56            |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 | 320         |              |             | 2          |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 322           |
| Common Grackle              |                 | 26          | 15000        |             | 7          |            |             |                 |           |            | 2          | 15035         |
| House Finch                 | 13              | 17          | 21           | 1           | 6          | 6          |             |                 |           | 3          | 7          | 74            |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |             |              | 1           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |                 |             |              | 1           |            |            |             |                 |           |            |            | 1             |
| American Goldfinch          | 2               |             |              | 7           | 1          | 8          |             |                 |           |            |            | 18            |
| House Sparrow               |                 | 197         | 24           | 4           | 4          |            | 25          |                 |           |            | 1          | 255           |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>    | <b>370</b>      | <b>2307</b> | <b>18673</b> | <b>1092</b> | <b>527</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>1463</b> | <b>44</b>       | <b>93</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>628</b> | <b>25,443</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>        | <b>33</b>       | <b>60</b>   | <b>54</b>    | <b>60</b>   | <b>41</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>44</b>   | <b>13</b>       | <b>22</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>111</b>    |

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# REMINDER



## Rare Bird Alert Number To Change in January

In January, the phone number for the RBA will be changing. The new number will be (303) 659-8750. The actual date that the number will be changed has not yet been determined, and there will be a short down time while the machine is physically transferred. As soon as we know the date and how long the RBA is out of service, we will announce it on the RBA, the web site, and in the LB. The number is changing because the answering machine is being re-located to the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (RMBO).

### Additional Reports and Bird Populations Decline

From Veronica Holt, Editor

No additional reports to publish, however we all know that many of you have been in the field and have not, for one reason or another, shared your findings with us! The Additional Reports is a vital component of our work. The data submitted and reported is included in our overall counts, forming a statistical snapshot of Colorado bird populations. According to the latest information from Audubon, collection of data is becoming more significant as the wild bird populations are declining.

In a recent article in the Denver Post, DFO member and bird-watcher extraordinaire, Hugh Kingery, expressed concern that of the 201 birds listed on the National Audubon Society's "Watchlist" 39 spend all or part of their time in Colorado. The coniferous forests of Colorado's Rocky Mountains harbor Flammulated Owls and Lewis's Woodpeckers. Low-lying valleys in western Colorado are characterized by sagebrush shrubland and shrub steppe habitat where the ultra-rare Gunnison Sage-Grouse occurs as well as Greater Sage-Grouse and Brewer's Sparrows. Virginia's Warbler can be found in montane shrub habitats. Piñon-juniper forests of western Colorado support significant populations of Gray Vireos. The shortgrass prairies of eastern Colorado harbor breeding Lesser Prairie-Chickens, Mountain Plovers, Long-billed Curlews, Ferruginous Hawks, and McCown's Longspurs.

Jeff Wells, the National Audubon Society's bird conservation director, also quoted in the article, warns that when something is "out of kilter" the birds are among the first "indicators that something in the environment has gone wrong, and will, if it hasn't already, affect us and our family."

It's a curious anomaly that the seeming loss of birds is countered by a huge increase in the bird watching industry. According to the US Fish and Wildlife the number of bird-watchers in Colorado has grown by 11 percent since a 1996 study, while hunters and anglers have declined. Wildlife watching in 1996 represented a \$1.7 billion economic impact, according to a study conducted by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Is it too simplistic a conclusion to assert that if there are more watchers spending more money to watch fewer birds, the state of the Colorado economy, to say nothing of the state of the Colorado environment, is in jeopardy? All reports (on time or deadline-late) should be submitted, either to Elna Cain or myself—it's a need to know—big time!

For more information on the Audubon Watchlist: <http://audubon2.org/webapp/watchlist/viewWatchlist.jsp>  
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**Rare Bird Alert: 303.424.2144—This number will change in January to 303.659.8750. See next issue for more information.**

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

### Field Trip/Count Reports

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### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcsisys.net

**Feb, May, Aug, Nov** includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcsisys.net

**Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec** includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnston, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmier815@aol.com

**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: [www.geocities.com/dfobirders](http://www.geocities.com/dfobirders).

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science.** Starting January 8, 2003, the monthly DFO meetings will return to the Museum of Nature and Science and will be held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

**The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

*All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year  
if paid after October 1st.*

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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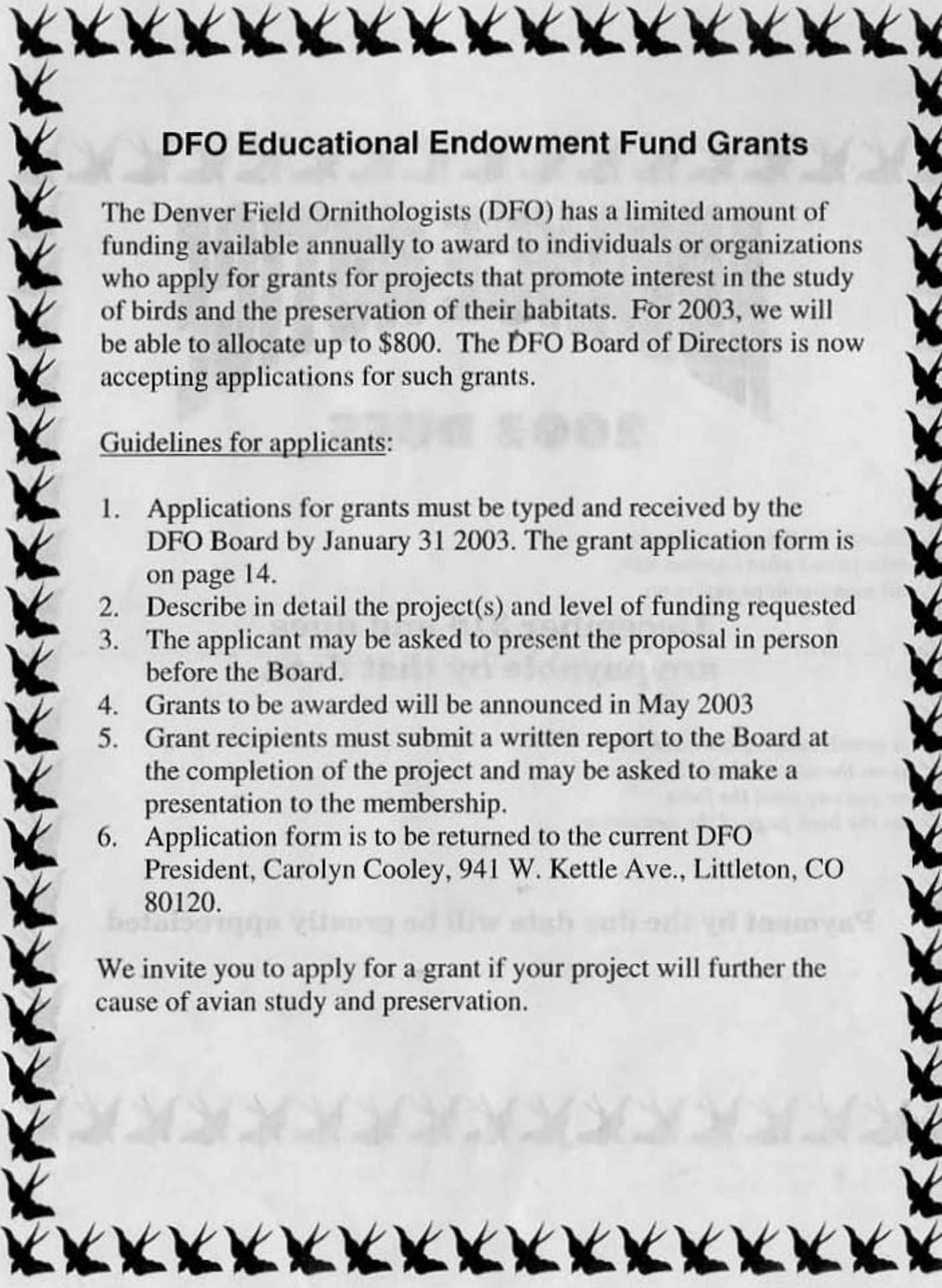
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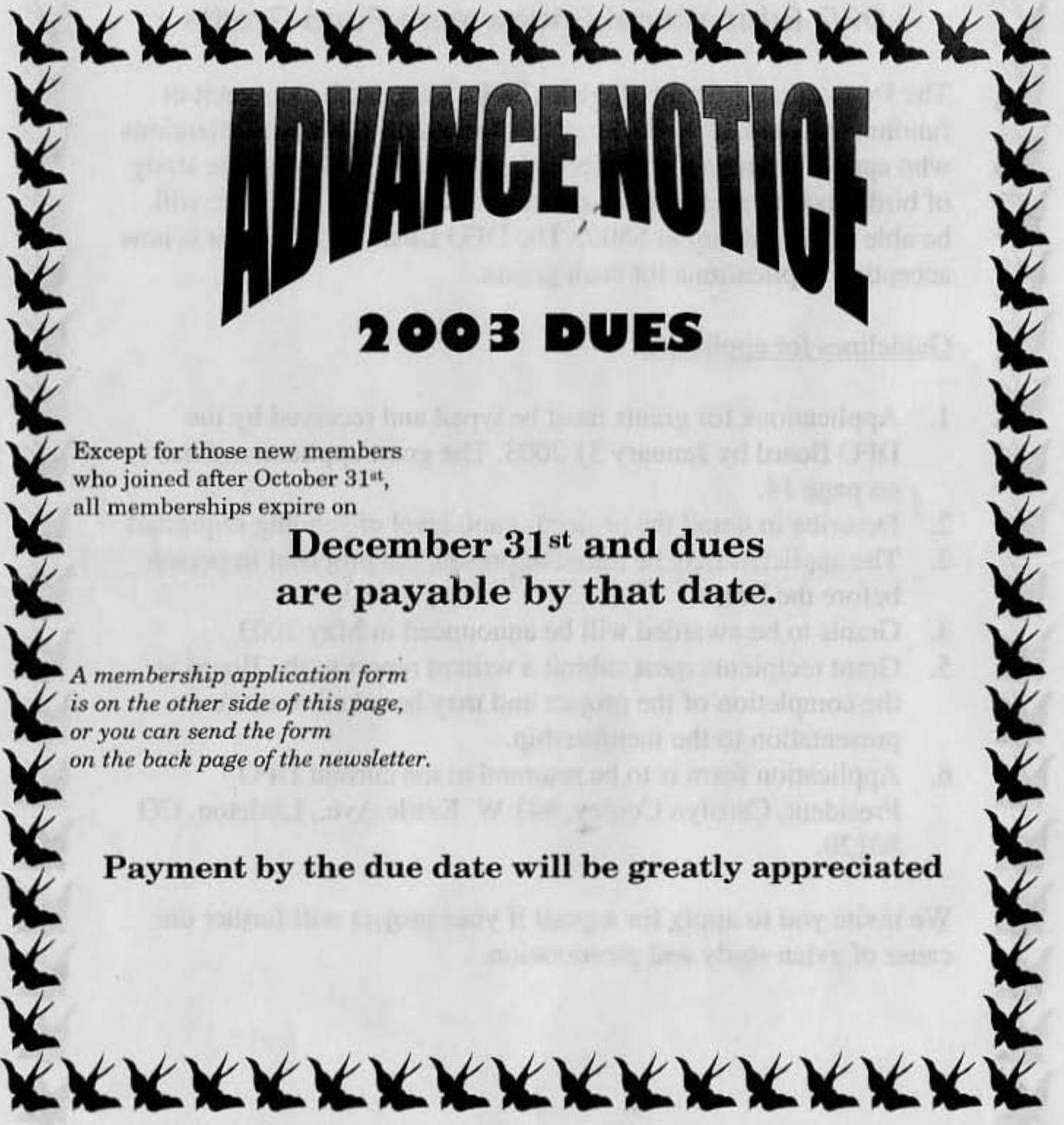
## DFO Educational Endowment Fund Grants

The Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) has a limited amount of funding available annually to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. For 2003, we will be able to allocate up to \$800. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

### Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and received by the DFO Board by January 31 2003. The grant application form is on page 14.
2. Describe in detail the project(s) and level of funding requested
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May 2003
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President, Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Ave., Littleton, CO 80120.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.



# ADVANCE NOTICE

## 2003 DUES

Except for those new members  
who joined after October 31<sup>st</sup>,  
all memberships expire on

**December 31<sup>st</sup> and dues  
are payable by that date.**

*A membership application form  
is on the other side of this page,  
or you can send the form  
on the back page of the newsletter.*

**Payment by the due date will be greatly appreciated**



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## "Tales of a Nature Loving, Birdwatching, Environmentally Sensitive Irishman"

January 8, 2003

(at the Museum of Nature and Science—details on page 11)

Jay Reed was born and raised in Wyoming. Educated at CSU, Fort Collins, in Forestry and Elementary Education with a BA from the University of Wyoming and got his masters in Environmental Education at the University of Utah.

No stranger to public service, Jay was the National Audubon Society (NAS) Rocky Mountain Regional Representative; directed Audubon's Mobile Environmental Education Program for teachers; directed Audubon's National Mobile Endangered Species Project; directed the Audubon Ecology Camp of the West & led numerous grassroots efforts in the 70's. Later he served as NAS Central Midwest Regional Vice President with grassroots, nature center, education, sanctuary, chapter development & liaison, fund raising, and public relations responsibilities.

Some highlights of Jay's public involvement include service on the Rocky Mountain Timber Wolf Recovery Team Citizen Advisory Board; chair of the Public Involvement Work Group of the Great Lakes Basin Commission; served on the boards of the North American Association for Environmental Education, the Boulder County Land Trust, Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, Colorado Open Space Council, Citizens Coalition for the Protection of the Garden of the Gods, Plains Conservation Center, and the Colorado (now Rocky Mountain) Bird Observatory, and chaired the last Colorado Division of Wildlife Non-Game Advisory Board.

He has now "retired" to ownership and management of the Wild Bird Center just off of I-70 at 32nd and Youngfield in Wheat Ridge. This "retirement" is complemented by his small manufacturing enterprise building bird nest boxes; staffed with a small crew of retired gentlemen whose wives are plenty happy to have them out from under their feet, off the street and in their workshops. He also consults with developers planning bird and wildlife friendly, waterwise landscaping for project open space areas.

## DFO Field Trips for January 2003

**January 4, Saturday**

**Boulder**

**Leader:** Bob Jickling (303-499-4977). Meet at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant in Boulder. From U.S. 36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Rd., then east 2 miles to 63<sup>rd</sup> St., then north 0.25 mile to entrance. Lunch optional. Good guide to good birds!

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If you haven't renewed your annual membership yet — time is running out—December 23 is the deadline—you'll find the form on page 12. If you remembered—thank you.



## DFO Field Trips for January 2003, continued

### January 5, Sunday, *Northeast Colorado*

**Leader:** Jackie King (303-287-1644). Meet at 0800 in Hudson, off I-76, at Pepperpod Restaurant (exit 31, turn east, then south). Full-day trip. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. State Parks pass needed for Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Call leader if going. We'll aim for raptors.

### January 11, Saturday, *Along St. Vrain and South Platte Rivers (more raptors!)*

**Leader:** Dick Pratt (303-651-6860). Meet at 0900. Go north on I-25 to Longmont exit 240 (highway 119); meet at Wendy's on northeast corner. Full day; bring lunch.

### January 12, Sunday, *Red Rocks and Morrison area*

**Leader:** Mary C. Burger (303-771-3431). Meet at 0830 at the Trading Post in Red Rocks. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Add some "year birds" to your list!

### January 18, Saturday, *88<sup>th</sup> and the Platte River*

**Leader:** Buzz Schaumburg (303-699-1721). Meet at 0900 at the parking lot at East 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Ducks, ducks, ducks (we hope!).

### January 19, Sunday, *Chatfield State Park*

**Leader:** Ed Holut (303-979-2194). Meet at 0800 at fee station just inside west entrance. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles. Half-day trip; lunch optional. State Parks pass. Hopefully, some "good" gulls.

### January 25, Saturday, *Cherry Creek State Park*

**Leader:** Andrew Spencer (303-770-6299). Meet at 0800 just inside west gate, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union Ave. Half-day trip; lunch optional. State Parks pass needed. If the birds are there, Andrew will find them for you!

### January 26, Sunday, *Overland Pond Park, along South Platte River*

**Leaders:** J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683). Meet at 0900 at parking lot on north side of Florida just east of where Florida crosses the South Platte River. Lunch optional. Will bird until about 2 p.m., weather permitting. Ducks unlimited.



### Volunteer Needed !! Monthly Field Trip Compilation

Every month in the LB we summarize pertinent information from the weekly field trips (species observed, total numbers of birds seen, field trip specifics). The Field Trip Summary Table is generated in Microsoft Excel, and the field trip summaries (text) are generated in Microsoft Word. The Excel table requires some knowledge of Excel, and minimum knowledge of Word is required for the text summaries.

We are looking for a Volunteer to take over this task. Andrew Spencer has been doing an excellent job with this task, but he will need a replacement starting in June, 2003. If you are interested, Andrew and Carolyn Cooley will provide any necessary training. Please contact Carolyn Cooley if you are interested. This is an important contribution to the LB, and we would like to see it continue.

Joe Himmel in Greeley wants to thank all of you that sent him get well cards. He hopes to see many of you out birding this winter.



Bill Turner (presenter of the "Birding Costa Rica" at last September's meeting) tells us that a "female DRO member" is anxiously seeking a roommate for the Costa Rica wildlife trip on January 28-February 8, 2003.

Highlights of the trip include Poas Volcano National Park, Gulf of Nicoya (a large estuary on the Pacific coast) and Cerro de la Muerte a high altitude sub-alpine forest (quetzal territory). The trip cost is \$2995, not including international airfare. For more information, call Bill at 720.344.6197.



## January 1, 2003 The Urban Denver Christmas Count

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort—a good way to kick-off your 2003 Year List!

After the count, **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenhill's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Uring's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality. Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

### Additional Reports (thank you everyone for these contributions)

| Species                      | Dates    | Number seen                                    | Location                   | County    | Observers & notes                                            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pacific Loon                 | 11/4     | 1                                              | Cherry Creek Res.          | Douglas   | Bob Brown                                                    |
| Arctic Loon                  | 11/19    | 1a                                             | Walker Pit/Pond, Franktown | Douglas   | First state record, Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer, m. ob. |
| Arctic Loon                  | 11/20    | 1                                              | Walker Pit, Franktown      | Douglas   | Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown, m. ob.                             |
| Arctic Loon                  | 11/21    | 1a                                             | Cherry Creek State Park    | Arapahoe  | Same as Franktown bird, Andrew Spencer, m. ob.               |
| Arctic Loon                  | 11/21-22 | 1                                              | Cherry Creek Res.          | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, m. ob.                                            |
| Yellow-Billed Loon           | 11/10    | 1j                                             | Boyd Lake State Park       | Larimer   | Jim Beatty, Andrew Spencer                                   |
| Yellow-Billed Loon           | 11/17-20 | 1j                                             | Chatfield State Park       | Jeff/Doug | Ira Sanders, Andrew Spencer                                  |
| Yellow-Billed Loon           | 11/19-23 | 1j                                             | Chatfield State Park       | Douglas   | Brandon Percival, Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown, m. ob.           |
| Red-necked Grebe             | 11/11-15 | 1bas                                           | Pueblo Reservoir           | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival                                             |
| Greater White-fronted Goose  | 11/9     | 1a                                             | Parker Regional Park       | Douglas   | Glenn Walbek, Andrew Spencer                                 |
| Trumpeter Swan               | 11/27    | 1j                                             | Chatfield State Park       | Jeff/Doug | Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer                                 |
| Tundra Swan                  | 11/18    | 1j                                             | Valco Ponds Fish Hatch.    | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Tundra Swan                  | 11/27    | 2a                                             | Standley Lake              | Jefferson | Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Eurasian Widgeon             | 11/3-8   | 1am                                            | Pueblo City Park           | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Blue-winged Teal             | 11/27    | 1j                                             | Chatfield State Park       | Jeff/Doug | Late, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek                           |
| Long-tailed Duck             | 11/4-18  | 1-7 f/j                                        | Cherry Creek Res.          | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, m. ob.                                            |
| Long-tailed Duck             | 11/9     | 7j                                             | Cherry Creek State Park    | Arapahoe  | Nathan Plaplow, Andrew Spencer                               |
| Long-tailed Duck             | 11/19    | 1am                                            | Big Johnson Reservoir      | El Paso   | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Long-tailed Duck             | 11/23    | 6 f 1 m                                        | Cherry Creek Res.          | Arapahoe  | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Surf Scoter                  | 11/9     | 1j                                             | Parker Regional Park       | Douglas   | Glenn Walbek, Andrew Spencer                                 |
| White-winged Scoter          | 11/9     | 1j                                             | Cherry Creek State Park    | Arapahoe  | Andrew Spencer                                               |
| Barrow's Goldeneye           | 11/8     | 1m                                             | Cherry Creek Res.          | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, m. ob.                                            |
| Barrow's Goldeneye           | 11/26    | 3 f 2 m                                        | Silverthorne               | Summit    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Lesser Black-Backed Gull     | 11/10    | 1abas                                          | Laguerre Reservoir         | Boulder   | Andrew Spencer, Jim Beatty                                   |
| Broad-Billed Hummingbird     | 11/21    | 1 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr<br>bas | Cherry Creek State Park    | Arapahoe  | Andrew Spencer                                               |
| Broad-Billed Hummingbird     | 11/14    | 1j                                             | Clifton                    | Mesa      | First state record, Andrew Spencer, m. obs                   |
| Broad-Billed Hummingbird     | 11/26    | 1aj                                            | Clifton                    | Mesa      | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker       | 11/3     | 1                                              | Pueblo City Park           | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker     | 11/2     | 1jm                                            | Pueblo City Park           | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Gray Catbird                 | 11/16    | 1                                              | Lathrop State Park         | Huerfano  | Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards                               |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 11/1-3   | 1j                                             | Pueblo City Park           | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival, m. ob.                                     |
| Rusty Blackbird              | 11/9     | 1m                                             | Bowles Reservoir           | Jefferson | Andrew Spencer                                               |
| Rusty Blackbird              | 11/18    | 1                                              | along Arkansas River       | Pueblo    | Brandon Percival                                             |
| Bullock's Oriole             | 11/1     | 1m 1st yr                                      | Cherry Creek Res.          | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown                                                    |

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in **bold type**, A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage. Send your sightings to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com

## Field Trip Summaries for November 2002

### November 2, Saturday

#### *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

**Leaders:** Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Dan Brachear. **Time:** 0800-1000. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 32 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian. **Weather:** Overcast, fog over the lake; wind calm; temp. 24 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 475 Individuals.

### November 3, Sunday

#### *Boulder Hawk Run (BHR)*

**Leaders:** Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Rich Mendez, Marcia Milliken, Calaine Ohmert, Larry Wilson, Ronie Wilson. **Time:** 0900-1600. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, reservoir. **Weather:** Very foggy to clear; wind none; temp. 34 °F. **Totals:** 8 Species, 102 Individuals.

### November 9, Saturday

#### *Sedalia and Cherokee Ranch (SED)*

**Leader:** Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Deanna Beaudoin, Peter Fretchel, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchison, Charlie Lawrence, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 36 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, ponderosa, grasslands; elev. 5800-6500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NNE, 5-25 mph; temp. 35-50 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 131 Individuals.

### November 10, Sunday

#### *Big Dry Creek Open Space (BDC)*

**Leader:** John Flavin. **Observers:** Sandy Germain, Robin and Kirk Wilson, Jim Fischer, David Laliberte. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open fields, riparian, small ponds. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind W, 5-20 mph; temp. 38-54 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 271 Individuals.

### November 16, Saturday

#### *Longmont Area (LON)*

**Leaders:** Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** Chuck Lowrie, Calaine Ohmert, Diane Wagner, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1530. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind variable, 4-7 mph; temp. 24-55 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 6252 Individuals.

### November 17, Sunday

#### *Birdwatching for the Novice, Belmar Park (BEL)*

**Leader:** Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Derek and Peggy Hankins, David Laliberte, Pat Ryan, Mary Stallings, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban lake, riparian, grasslands, wetlands; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind N, 0-2 mph; temp. 41-55 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 266 Individuals.

### November 23, Saturday

#### *South Platte Park (SPP)*

**Leader:** Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Evie Brame, Barbara Brown, Jennifer Campbell, Joe Elliott, Lynne Forrester, Fred Griest, Jerry Jargon, David Laliberte, Chuck Lowrie, Linda Macey, Dean Rintoul, Jim Rintoul, Bob Schlageter, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.3 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear; wind N, NW, 10-15 mph; temp. 47 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 922 Individuals.

### November 24, Sunday

#### *Cherry Creek State Park (CCK)*

**Leader:** Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Peter Fretchel, Debbie Kennedy, Randy Lentz, Jodi Riha. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, grasslands. **Weather:** Light snow to overcast; wind NE, 1-10 mph; temp. 23-28 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1822 Individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries for November 2002, continued

**November 29, Saturday, Nebraska Turkey Chase, Trip Cancelled.**

**November 30, Sunday**

**South Platte River Ramblings (SPR)**

**Leader(s):** David Laliberte. **Observers:** Jeff Carter, Mike Foster, Sandy Germain, Peggy Hankins, Dick Pratt, Diane Wagner, Emile Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0800-1345. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoirs, roadside fields. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 28-53 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 2282 Individuals.

**Tuesday Birders**

**November 5, Tuesday**

**Bear Creek Lake (BCL)**

**Leader(s):** Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cattails; elev. 5800'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SW, 0-30 mph; temp. 36-54 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 216 Individuals.

**November 12, Tuesday**

**Red Rocks Park (RRO)**

**Leader(s):** Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 36. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrubland, riparian; elev. 5800-6360'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 41-54 °F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 98 Individuals.

**November 19, Tuesday**

**Chatfield State Park (CHA)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 43. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, grassy areas; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 5-12 mph; temp. 45-62 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 492 Individuals.

**November 26, Tuesday**

**Cherry Creek State Park (CCK)**

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, cattails, open fields; elev. 5550'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 22-45 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 970 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

### Welcome New Members!

Barbara Churchley, 32623 Meadow Mountain Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439, 303.679.1189; Mary Lou Dimond, 4943 W 65<sup>th</sup> Place, Arvada, CO 80003-6317, 303.429.7115; Joe Elliott & Micki O'Brien, 300 Washington Ave., #2, Golden, CO 80403, 303.216.1352; Lyn Graves, 7877 So. Kalispell Circle, Englewood, CO 80112-4647, 720-870.1763; Joanna & Lewis Picher, 735 Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80206-3718, 303.393.9123; Pauline F. Smith, 13502 Albion Circle, Thornton, CO 80241, 303.457.9931

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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND: Alice Kruse, Judy and Bob Miller

Thank you for your support—you help us keep these programs alive and well.

# Field Trip Summary Table, November 2002

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION      | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | TOTAL        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                                  | 2<br>BAR        | 3<br>BHR | 9<br>SED | 10<br>BDC | 16<br>LON | 17<br>BEL | 23<br>SPP | 24<br>CCK | 30<br>SPR | 5<br>BCL        | 12<br>RRO | 19<br>CHA | 26<br>CCK |              |
| Pacific Loon                     |                 | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2            |
| Common Loon                      |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           | 2         |           | 3            |
| <b>Yellow-billed Loon</b>        |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1            |
| Horned Grebe                     |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           |           | 5         |           | 2               |           |           |           | 8            |
| Eared Grebe                      |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 17        |           | 1               |           |           | 5         | 23           |
| Western Grebe                    |                 |          |          |           | 7         |           |           | 8         |           | 6               |           | 31        |           | 52           |
| Double-crested Cormorant         |                 |          |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2            |
| Great Blue Heron                 |                 |          |          | 2         | 11        |           | 3         | 2         |           | 2               |           |           |           | 20           |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron        |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 2         |           | 5         |                 |           |           |           | 7            |
| Snow Goose<br>"White morph"      | 100<br>(100)    |          |          |           | 1         |           |           | 2<br>(2)  |           |                 |           |           |           | 103<br>(102) |
| Canada Goose                     | 12              |          |          | 25        | 2260      | 48        | 182       | 220       | 242       | 40              |           | 200       | 370       | 3599         |
| Tundra Swan                      |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1            |
| Gadwall                          |                 |          |          |           | 35        |           | 37        | 68        | 70        |                 |           |           |           | 210          |
| American Wigeon                  |                 |          |          | 3         | 170       |           | 15        | 9         | 33        |                 |           |           |           | 230          |
| Mallard                          | 70              |          |          | 20        | 1665      | 9         | 297       | 48        | 41        | 1               |           | 9         | 80        | 2240         |
| Northern Shoveler                |                 |          |          | 2         | 12        | 58        | 10        | 17        | 1027      | 13              |           | 6         |           | 1145         |
| Northern Pintail                 |                 |          |          |           | 6         |           | 7         |           | 35        |                 |           |           |           | 48           |
| Green-winged Teal                |                 |          |          | 2         | 35        |           | 8         | 210       | 25        |                 |           |           |           | 280          |
| Canvasback                       |                 |          |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2            |
| Redhead                          |                 |          |          |           | 102       |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           | 1         | 104          |
| Ring-necked Duck                 |                 |          |          |           | 67        |           | 8         |           | 38        |                 |           |           |           | 113          |
| Lesser Scaup                     |                 |          |          |           | 9         | 3         |           |           | 15        |                 |           |           |           | 27           |
| Long-tailed Duck                 |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 7         |           |                 |           |           | 7         | 14           |
| Bufflehead                       |                 |          |          |           | 25        |           | 12        | 53        | 52        |                 |           | 1         | 5         | 148          |
| Common Goldeneye                 |                 |          |          |           | 319       |           | 6         | 115       | 47        | 8               |           | 3         | 3         | 501          |
| Barrow's Goldeneye               |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 2            |
| Hooded Merganser                 |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           | 4         | 7         | 5         |                 |           |           | 1         | 18           |
| Common Merganser                 |                 |          |          |           | 729       |           | 3         | 195       | 3         | 50              |           | 35        | 100       | 1115         |
| Ruddy Duck                       |                 |          |          |           | 5         |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 6            |
| Bald Eagle                       |                 | 12       |          | 1         | 6         |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 22           |
| Northern Harrier                 |                 | 1        |          |           | 2         |           |           | 5         | 1         | 1               |           |           |           | 10           |
| Cooper's Hawk                    |                 |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1            |
| accipiter sp.                    |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1            |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>western races |                 | 47       | 1        | 9<br>(9)  | 20        | 1         | 2         | 5         | 5         | 2               |           | 6         | 7         | 105<br>(9)   |
| "Harlan's" race                  |                 | (1)      |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (1)          |
| Ferruginous Hawk                 |                 | 11       |          | 2         | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 15           |
| Rough-legged Hawk                | 1               | 1        |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4            |
| buteo sp.                        |                 | 3        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 4            |
| Golden Eagle                     |                 | 5        | 1        |           | 7         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 13           |
| American Kestrel                 |                 | 20       | 1        | 1         | 12        | 2         | 1         | 2         | 4         |                 |           |           |           | 43           |
| Prairie Falcon                   |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1            |
| falcon sp.                       |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1            |

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## Field Trip Summary Table, November 2002 continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | TOTAL  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | 2<br>BAR        | 3<br>BHR | 9<br>SED | 10<br>BDC | 16<br>LON | 17<br>BEL | 23<br>SPP | 24<br>CCK | 30<br>SPR | 5<br>BCL        | 12<br>HRO | 19<br>CHA | 26<br>CCK |        |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        | 1               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| American Coot               |                 |          |          | 1         | 6         |           | 2         | 19        |           |                 |           | 40        | 11        | 79     |
| Killdeer                    |                 |          |          |           | 2         |           | 5         | 5         | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 14     |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 |          |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |           |           | 4      |
| Common Snipe                |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 11        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 11     |
| Bonaparte's Gull            |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 16        |           |                 |           |           | 6         | 24     |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 |          |          | 10        | 59        | 52        | 35        | 490       | 145       | 20              |           | 8         | 217       | 1036   |
| California Gull             |                 |          |          |           | 1         | 2         |           | 37        |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 41     |
| Herring Gull                |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 3         |           |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| gull sp.                    |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 70        | 70     |
| Rock Dove                   |                 |          | 16       |           | 7         | 5         | 16        | 31        | 15        | 2               | 8         |           |           | 100    |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |           | 3         |           | 5      |
| Belted Kingfisher           |                 |          |          | 1         | 6         | 1         | 1         |           | 1         | 2               |           | 1         | 3         | 16     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 |          | 1        |           | 1         | 1         | 2         |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 6      |
| "eastern" race              |                 |          |          |           |           | (1)       |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (1)    |
| Northern Flicker            | 3               |          | 1        | 2         | 3         | 5         | 9         | 11        | 2         | 3               | 3         | 4         | 3         | 49     |
| "Red-shafted" race          | (3)             |          | (1)      | (2)       | (3)       | (5)       | (9)       | (11)      | (2)       |                 |           |           |           | (36)   |
| Northern Shrike             |                 |          |          |           | 1         |           | 1         | 2         |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 5      |
| Steller's Jay               |                 |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| Blue Jay                    | 3               |          | 2        | 7         | 4         |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           |           | 17     |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |                 |          | 11       |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 14        |           |           | 25     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 12              |          | 6        | 20        | 11        | 9         | 13        | 21        | 28        | 7               | 4         | 25        | 16        | 172    |
| American Crow               |                 |          | 9        | 15        | 265       | 17        | 10        | 38        | 43        | 4               | 9         | 4         | 6         | 420    |
| Common Raven                |                 |          |          | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           | 2         |           | 4      |
| Horned Lark                 |                 |          |          |           | 39        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 39     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 8               |          | 5        |           |           |           | 14        |           | 1         | 5               | 8         | 1         | 2         | 44     |
| Mountain Chickadee          |                 |          | 2        |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| Bushy-tit                   |                 |          | 8        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8      |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |                 |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                 |          | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 4      |
| Brown Creeper               | 2               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2      |
| Canyon Wren                 |                 |          | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 2      |
| American Dipper             |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 1      |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 1      |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                 |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1               | 3         |           |           | 5      |
| American Robin              |                 |          |          | 5         | 2         |           | 4         | 15        | 1         | 3               | 2         | 1         | 5         | 36     |
| European Starling           | 8               |          | 8        | 30        | 75        | 13        | 76        | 92        | 305       | 1               |           | 30        | 6         | 646    |
| American Pipit              |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 5         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 5      |
| Spotted Towhee              |                 |          | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |           |           | 2      |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 4               |          | 1        | 15        | 17        |           | 7         | 50        | 3         | 2               | 2         | 1         | 28        | 130    |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 1               |          | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2      |
| Song Sparrow                | 6               |          |          | 2         |           | 2         | 3         | 10        | 4         |                 | 1         |           | 6         | 34     |
| Harris's Sparrow            | 1               |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 12              |          |          | 2         | 1         |           | 1         |           | 6         |                 |           |           | 2         | 24     |
| "Gambel's" race             |                 |          |          | (2)       |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (2)    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 18              |          | 13       | 1         | 4         | 13        | 16        | 2         | 2         | 2               | 27        | 25        |           | 123    |
| "White-winged" race         |                 |          |          | (1)       |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (1)    |
| "Slate-colored" race        |                 |          | (1)      |           |           | (1)       |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (2)    |
| "Oregon" race               |                 |          | (4)      |           |           | (6)       | (7)       |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (17)   |
| "Pink-sided" race           |                 |          | (5)      |           |           | (5)       | (9)       | (2)       |           |                 |           |           |           | (22)   |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                 |          | (2)      |           |           | (1)       |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (3)    |
| Junco race                  | (18)            |          |          |           | (4)       |           |           |           | (2)       | (2)             | (27)      | (25)      |           | (78)   |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 200             |          | 2        | 30        | 183       | 2         | 21        | 39        | 51        | 10              | 12        | 50        |           | 600    |
| Western Meadowlark          | 1               |          |          | 10        | 16        |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 29     |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                 |          |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |          |          | 8         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8      |
| Common Grackle              | 1               |          |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2      |
| House Finch                 | 3               |          | 27       | 25        | 25        | 17        | 24        |           | 19        | 23              |           | 1         |           | 164    |
| American Goldfinch          |                 |          | 2        | 8         |           | 2         | 5         |           | 4         |                 |           |           | 4         | 25     |
| House Sparrow               | 8               |          | 1        | 10        | 5         |           | 40        |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 64     |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 475             | 102      | 131      | 271       | 6252      | 266       | 922       | 1662      | 2282      | 216             | 98        | 492       | 970       | 14,310 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 22              | 8        | 26       | 31        | 53        | 23        | 41        | 41        | 36        | 28              | 17        | 26        | 27        | 88     |

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